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TELEGRAMS.

MEXICAN WAR.

SITUATION WORSE.

[Reuter's Service To "The Telegraph."]
London, Received May 3.
Reuter's correspondent at Washington reports that a despatch from Mexico City states that the situation is becoming more serious.

Huerta's resignation of the office of Provisional President is expected.

Federal Aggression.

Several hundred Mexican Federals advanced yesterday to the water works outside Vera Cruz and attempted to destroy the City's water supply.

Later,

Reuter's correspondent at Vera Cruz says General Huerta has established a Military Governorship over the city.

Only a few scattered shots were fired at the waterworks guard, and there were no casualties. Re-inforcements were sent, but they were not needed, and returned to their original station.

The Rival Factions.

Reuter's correspondent at Washington states that although the Navy Department has received a despatch that the Federals and Constitutionalists have arranged a truce at Tampico, General Carranza formally declined to cease hostilities against Huerta pending mediation.

Reuter's correspondent at Mexico City states that the War Office has ordered all the Federal Commanders to suspend hostilities on account of the armistice.

MANILA OPIUM RING.

Said to be Shattered by Customs Vigilance.

The night vigil on ships entering and departing at this port, which was instituted by the customs secret service about three months ago, says the *Manila Bulletin* of April 29, though not effecting sensational seizures of dope, about shattered the local opium ring and thus accomplished more far reaching results than have ever before been attained by the capture and prosecution of the intermediaries in the illicit traffic.

The big opium dealers have lost so heavily during the last few months in failure to land large shipments of the drug, through the watchful waiting policy of the customs secret service administration, that importation of the forbidden dope on anything like a large scale is said to have ceased and the stock on hand reduced to a minimum.

The failure to land the goods is said to have cost the big dealers hundreds of thousands of pesos. It is estimated that time of opium to the value of Pesos 300,000 lie at the bottom of Manila Bay, where so much capital has been sunk that the financial stringency in the opium trade has prevented further operations.

The largest dealer in the trade is said to have been the hardest hit and others have suffered severe losses through the failure of his transactions. It has been the custom, it is declared, for the big dealers to operate in a ring, forming a colossal corporation. The actual trading, however, has been carried on through agents in such a way that the combine has never been directly connected with the operations, with the exception of the chief, who has been implicated in a few transactions and once or twice let off with a compromise payment of a few thousand pesos to the customs authorities. His agents are said to amount to nearly

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ULSTER SITUATION.

THE ALLIES CONFERENCE.

[Reuter's Service To "The Telegraph."]
London, Received May 2.
The *Times* says that there have been no direct communications between the Party leaders as the result of Wednesday's debate, but communications are passing between the Government and the Nationalists.

General Election Useless.

At a meeting at Coventry, held to protest against the use of the British forces to shoot the Ulster Royalists for political purposes, Mr. Balfour said he was glad that at least some of Cabinet Ministers now recognised that nothing would meet the Ulster difficulty but a clean-out separation of Ulster. He was confident that nothing else would avert civil war. Unlike a Constitutional problem, whether Home Rule ought to be given before the country had been consulted, that was a problem which could not be settled finally and peacefully by a General Election, for even if the country reversed the verdicts of 1886 and 1895 there would still be a position in Ulster which would make the Bill unworkable.

Not Peace.

Lord Milner, speaking at Coventry, said the Government's Home Rule Bill would bring not peace, but the sword, to both Ireland and the United Kingdom. The Government had not a leg to stand upon in refusing the Referendum.

half a million pesos. The entire loss, however, does not fall upon him alone. One associate is said to have been interested to the extent of P300,000, while two or three more shared in the operations.

"The opium king dropped over P200,000 on one shipment alone," said one who is in the know. "He had about 6,000 tins coming from Hongkong on one boat. The customs secret service men and others interested in preventing the landing of the dope had the tip well in advance and two launches were out to look for it."

"There was so much excitement over the expected arrival of the dope that the agents got wise and were afraid to land the cargo at Manila. A Japanese agent was secured and he succeeded in landing the stuff at a southern port. He disposed of a large part of it and the rest was seized, but the dealer, who had paid about Pesos 200,000 for the drug at Hongkong, never realized anything from it, as the Japanese reported to him that the entire lot was seized and he had no means of recovery."

One local firm, it was said, succeeded in landing 500 tins of supposed dope, but the entire quantity turned out to be tar and again there was no recourse for recovery.

Opium, it is said in the trade, is now selling at Hongkong for Pesos 25 a tin. Those who look after the transportation on the ships charge Pesos 5 a tin for their services and the landing agents receive Pesos 10 for delivering the goods. The dealers have to pay the Pesos 25 a tin before the stuff leaves Hongkong and Pesos 5 a tin for shipment. Thus, it costs them Pesos 30 a tin if not landed, and if landed Pesos 40. The dope is quoted here at Pesos 80 a tin wholesale and Pesos 85 retail, but buyers declare there is none to be had at any price here at the present time, except in very small quantities.

Three months ago the authorities concluded that the chief

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OBITUARY.

DUKE OF ARGYLL.

[Reuter's Service To "The Telegraph."]
London, Received May 3.
The Duke of Argyll is sinking. Later.

The Duke of Argyll is dead. (John Douglas Sutherland Campbell, P.O. K. G., G.O.M.G., etc., was the 9th Duke of Argyll and was born on August 8, 1845. He succeeded his father in 1909. He married in 1871 E. R. H. Princess Louise, 4th daughter of Queen Victoria. From 1878 to 1883 he was Governor-General of Canada. A Unionist in politics he unsuccessfully contested Bradford in 1892, but sat for South Manchester from 1895 until 1900.

The Dukedom was created in 1701, and deceased was also Marquis of Lorne and Kintyre, Earl Campbell and Cowall, Viscount of Lochow and Glenisla, Baron Ivararay, Mull, Morvern and Tilly, Baron Campbell Earl of Argyll (1457), Baron of Lorne, Baron Kintyre, Baron Sundridge, Baron Hamilton, 29th Baron of Lochow, Chancellor of the Order of St. Michael and St. George. His Celtic title was McCailean Mhor, Chief of Clan Campbell (from Sir John Campbell, Knighted 1886), Hewas Governor and Constable of Windsor Castle since 1892, Honorary Colonel 3rd A. and S. Highlanders, London Scottish, Argyll and Bute A. V., Glasgow Highlanders, and Argyll Light Infantry, Canada. "The deceased was the author of many works including 'U.S.A. After the War', 'Imperial Federation', 'Memories of Canada and Scotland', 'Canadian Pictures', 'Life of Palmerston', 'Tales and Poems', 'Psalms in English Verse', 'Life and Times of Queen Victoria', etc. He also wrote the libretto for the opera 'Diamond' in 1897.

The heir to the title and estates is Niall Diarmid, nephew of deceased, and son of the late Lord Archibald Campbell.]

source of supply was from ships arriving from Hongkong at night. It was surmised that boats went out to meet the steamer near Corregidor and brought the poppy fruit in, so customs service launches hovered outside every night that a vessel was due from Hongkong. They followed the ships in, they lurked about them as they lay in the bay, and they followed them out again. Large quantities of drug, it is said, were dropped overboard at times, but the boats were prevented from getting it. One shipment, it was declared yesterday, made four trips from Hongkong here without an opportunity to land it. Thus while no important seizures were made the traffic received an effective check and the big dealers, it is claimed, have been practically forced out of the business.

REFLE SHOOTING.

Hongkong's Score in the International Match.

In Hongkong team shot off at King's Park range on Saturday in the annual interport match with Shanghai, Singapore and Penang. The distances are 200, 500, and 600 yards with seven shots at each distance. The umpires were Colonel Chapman, V.D., Mr. E. R. Bates, and Mr. G. H. Wakeman. The Hon. Secretary is Mr. M. S. Northcote and the captain of the team was Dr. Evan Jones.

The team was:—
Capt. Murray Scott, H.V.O.
J. D. Danby, Taikoo Rifle Club.
F. Heath, do.
A. J. Brock, Dockyard Rifle Club.
H. R. Elson, do.
R. Stewart, do.
J. C. Gregory, do.
W. R. Cousins, do.
E. J. Connors, do.
Sgt. Chinn, D. O. L. I.

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BALKAN FERMENT.

A TERRIBLE MASSACRE.

[Reuter's Service To "The Telegraph."]
London, Received May 3.
Reuter's correspondent at Durazzo says Epitro insurgents, who possess many guns and quick-firers, have captured Kolonia.

Despatches say that they massacred women and children, and gutted the town. It is reported that they are advancing.

The news has caused the utmost indignation in Durazzo, crowds parading the streets. Patriotic speeches were delivered and anti-Greek cries raised. There will be a meeting to-day to protest against the massacre.

BELFAST FIRE.

London, Received May 3.
The fire at the Belfast Hippodrome and Opera House did extensive damage.

A. Watson, Volunteer Reserve K. McLennan do.
The scores, in detail were as follow:—

200 YARDS.	
Gregory	455445532
Stewart	545554432
Brook	545554432
Heath	454445531
Danby	454445531
Elson	454445531
Watson	544445531
Cousins	455553331
Connors	534445530
Scott	455554430
McLennan	455435430
Chinn	435454420
Total	370

500 YARDS.	
Brook	555555535
Gregory	554555534
Scott	544555533
Danby	544555532
Connors	555545532
Cousins	555543532
McLennan	535454531
Chinn	454435530
Stewart	454444429
Elson	444444428
Heath	543355428
Watson	453544529
Total	376

600 YARDS.	
Danby	555555434
Scott	444455532
Elson	444455531
Chinn	544454531
Heath	545444531
Brook	555444531
Watson	545344530
Cousins	345345529
Stewart	355353529
McLennan	434543528
Gregory	443344426
Connors	553433326
Total	358

AGGREGATES.

200 500 600 Total	
J. D. Danby	31 33 34 98
A. J. Brook	32 35 31 98
Capt. M. Scott	30 33 32 95
W. R. Cousins	31 32 29 92
J. C. Gregory	32 34 26 92
H. O. Elson	31 29 31 91
F. Heath	31 29 31 91
Sgt. Chinn	29 30 31 90
A. Watson	31 29 30 90
R. Stewart	32 29 29 90
Total	311 313 304 927

COUNTED OUT.

K. McLennan	30 31 28 89
E. R. Connors	30 33 26 89
Last years' scores were:—	
Shanghai	952
Singapore	931
Penang	923
Hongkong	893

COMPANY ADMINISTRATION.

Several interesting legal points on company administration were raised in the course of argument

TELEGRAMS.

S.S. SIBERIA.

A "MISTAKE".

[Reuter's Service To "The Telegraph."]
London, Received May 3.
A telegram from Reuter's Hongkong correspondent says the Pacific Mail steamer *Siberia* has sent a wireless message saying that she will arrive at Manila this morning in fine condition. The report of the stranding is a mistake.

Fears for Another Vessel.
"Lloyd's" fears that the *Siberia* report refers to another vessel and search is being made.

BALLOONISTS ON BAIL.

London, Received May 3.
The German balloonists sentenced at Perm for espionage, have been released on small bail pending appeal.

heard by Mr. Grant Jones (British Assessor) and Mr. Nish, (Assistant Magistrate), at the Mixed Court in Shanghai last week.

The case was a re-hearing of an action brought by Uba Tsong-su against Lee Yung-su and Chu Tao-cheng. The action arose out of the affairs of the British and Belgian Bank, of which the defendants were directors, and was to recover the 10,000 deposited by the plaintiff with the Bank as security for an agency agreement. Judgement had been given in favour of the plaintiff.

Mr. J. C. E. Douglas appeared for plaintiff, and Mr. H. S. Oppel for the defendants.

Mr. Oppel in re-opening the case, said that the action was in the form of an English action for deceit, and the judgment was based upon a ground which was not pleaded and not argued. The Court held that the company was not a British Company, on the strength of an English case, but that case was not authority because it had been overruled. If it were a British Company, and so long as it was recognized by the British authorities, Counsel held that that court had no jurisdiction to say that it was not a British Company. Both of the parties dealt with the company on the strength of its being a British Company and that their right would be regulated by British Law. The plaintiff contracted to become the servant of the company and deposited security believing that he was dealing with a British Company, and on the faith of representations made by Mr. Macar. The defendants became directors on the same representations, in the belief that the capital would be subscribed half by foreigners and half by Chinese. In these circumstances, Counsel argued, it was unjust to hold that the defendants were liable to repay the monies lost by the plaintiff, as both parties had been deceived; and when the money was paid the defendants did not expect to be made responsible for it, and the plaintiff did not look to them. With regard to the registration of the company in Hongkong, Counsel referred to the practice extending over forty years, of companies being registered in Hongkong for business done exclusively in China. If it was to be held that these companies were not British Companies because they did not transact business in a country subject to British jurisdiction, a death-blow would be struck at company administration in China.

Mr. Douglas in reply said that case was not framed according to rules of pleading or the

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BILLIARDS.

GRAY AND INMAN BEATEN.

[Reuter's Service To "The Telegraph."]
London, Received May 3.
In the match between Stevenson and Gray, the former scored 18,000 and the latter 10,877. Newman beat Inman, the scores being:—Newman, 18,000; Inman, 14,770.

BOAT CAPSIZES.

COASTGUARDS DROWNED.

London, Received May 3.
Five coastguards were drowned through the capsizing of a boat at Aldeburgh.

English law of procedure. The claim was by petition. As a matter of fact, the case was filed by an Italian lawyer. Looking at the prayer of petition, it was not necessary for plaintiff to prove fraud or deceit, or anything of the kind. Plaintiff was Chinese and the two defendants were Chinese. Plaintiff said "I have been induced to part with my money, and I hold these people responsible, and I want my money back." The Court had said that he was entitled to hold them responsible. The defendants were in fact the only people plaintiff could make responsible. What it came to was this: they could not create a phantom-like company, evade the jurisdiction of their own Court, countenance the collection of other peoples' money and deny responsibility for paying it back, and refer the present suit against them to the phantom-like Company. On the facts, the Court held that they were responsible. It was open to the Court to say whether or not this was a British company. What would the British Court have said if plaintiff had sued this company first of all and got judgment, and then found, as he believed they would find, that there was not a bank and that there was no money in the till. The Court would say: "Sue the directors; and plaintiff would have sued them, and the same result which that Court had correctly arrived at would be arrived at. People who were in the position of directors must know their responsibilities."

The Court reserved its decision.

A Notable Salvage Case.

The refloating of Mr. Vanderbilt's steam yacht *Warrior* is a notable example of the sailor's skill in propitious weather conditions, says the *Times*. The yacht struck a notoriously perilous point on the Colombian coast on January 27 and was early described as being on the point of going to pieces. Within a few weeks she was incorrecly reported to have been refloated, and then to have been abandoned as a total loss, but definite news from the isolated spot at the middle of February showed that salvage operations had to be deferred until "after the monsoon in April." They were renewed at the beginning of April, and she has now been taken into her position from time to time on the sands, owing to the strength of wind and current, so that she was familiarly described in the insurance market as the "sand-hopper." Underwriters fear that, in spite of the salvage, there will be a substantial bill to pay for damage (the yacht was insured for £50,000 though she is believed to have cost £100,000 to build), and were quoting high rates on April 8 to cover such claim as there may be.

NEWS FOR BUSY MEN.

TELEGRAMS.

CONDENSED.

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The Mexican situation is becoming more serious, and President Huerta's resignation is expected.

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At billiards Stevenson beat Gray and Newman accounted for Inman in matches of 18,000 up.

Lord Milner says the Government has not a leg to stand on in refusing the application of the Referendum to Home Rule.

A fear is held by Lloyd's that the report concerning the *S.S. Siberia* refers to another vessel; a search is being made.

The *Times* says communications are passing between the Government and the Nationalists regarding Ulster.

NEWS.

An arrest in connection with the Tai On piracy has been made in Macao.

"Our contemporaries" appears on page 2, and log boog on page 6.

The annual inter-club tennis match between the Ladies Recreation Club and the Hongkong Cricket Club was held on Saturday.

The Hongkong team fired in the annual match with Shanghai, Singapore and Penang on Saturday at King's Park Range and scored 927.

The Victoria Recreation Club held their seventeenth athletic meeting on the Hongkong Football Club ground at Happy Valley on Saturday in ideal weather.

DON'T FORGET.

TO-DAY.

Bijou Theatre 9.15 p.m.
Victoria Theatre 9.15 p.m.

Bandmann Opera Co.—Theatre Royal—9.15 p.m.
Saturday May 9.

H. K. Volunteer Reserves Annual Dinner.

Hippodrome Circus-Causeway Bay—9.15 p.m.
Monday May 11.

China Fire Insurance Co. Ltd. Extraordinary General Meeting. Thursday May 14.

H. K. Electric Co. Ltd. Meeting of Shareholders 11.30 a.m. Saturday May 16.

Hongkong Cotton Spinning, Weaving and Dyeing Co. Ltd. Extraordinary General Meeting—noon.

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Canton Insurance Office, Ltd. Meeting of Shareholders—11.30 a.m.
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Piracy Prevention.

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Daily Press.

Chinese Politics.

Paradoxical as it sounds, no one will misunderstand the statement that one of the disquieting features about the present situation in China is the absolute and unparalleled supremacy of President Yuan Shih-kai and the absence of any prospective successor to him. For the present, no doubt, it is all to the good that there is no one strong enough to set himself up in rivalry to Yuan Shih-kai or to have been a dangerous competitor for the Presidency, but even his most ardent admirers must recognise that a time must come when Mr. Yuan will no longer be available to fill the highest post in the Republic, and unless at that time some one on whom his mantle has fallen has revealed himself, the outlook for China will be very dubious. The reason for this lack of men fitted to take the supremacy in the State is not far to seek; China's transition from an absolute monarchy to a nominal republic was so abrupt that there has not been time nor opportunity for the development of a new school of political leaders of weight and authority.

China Mail.

China's National Religion. There can be little doubt but that in the opinion of those who are at present responsible for the cohesion of China, it is essential that the cult of Confucianism should be nurtured and practised by all those in authority. When we try to ascertain what the leading Chinese officials and literati mean by worship of Confucius, we touch on a matter of much perplexity. It is worthy of remark that, as far as we know, there is no clear and authoritative book published by the Chinese as to what is meant by the worship of the Sage, and why he should be worshipped. If, as we noticed lately, worship means nothing more than a deep reverence felt for the illustrious departed, so that men like Li Hing-chang are to have temples erected to their memory, much as in western lands monuments are built to poets and statesmen, then certainly Confucius is worthy of the finest temple that can be erected, for here he stands head and shoulders above all other Chinese that we know anything about. If on the other hand, worship is something deeper and more far-reaching than this and means reverence for the Divine, then it is difficult to see why either of the two illustrious men mentioned should be worshipped at all.

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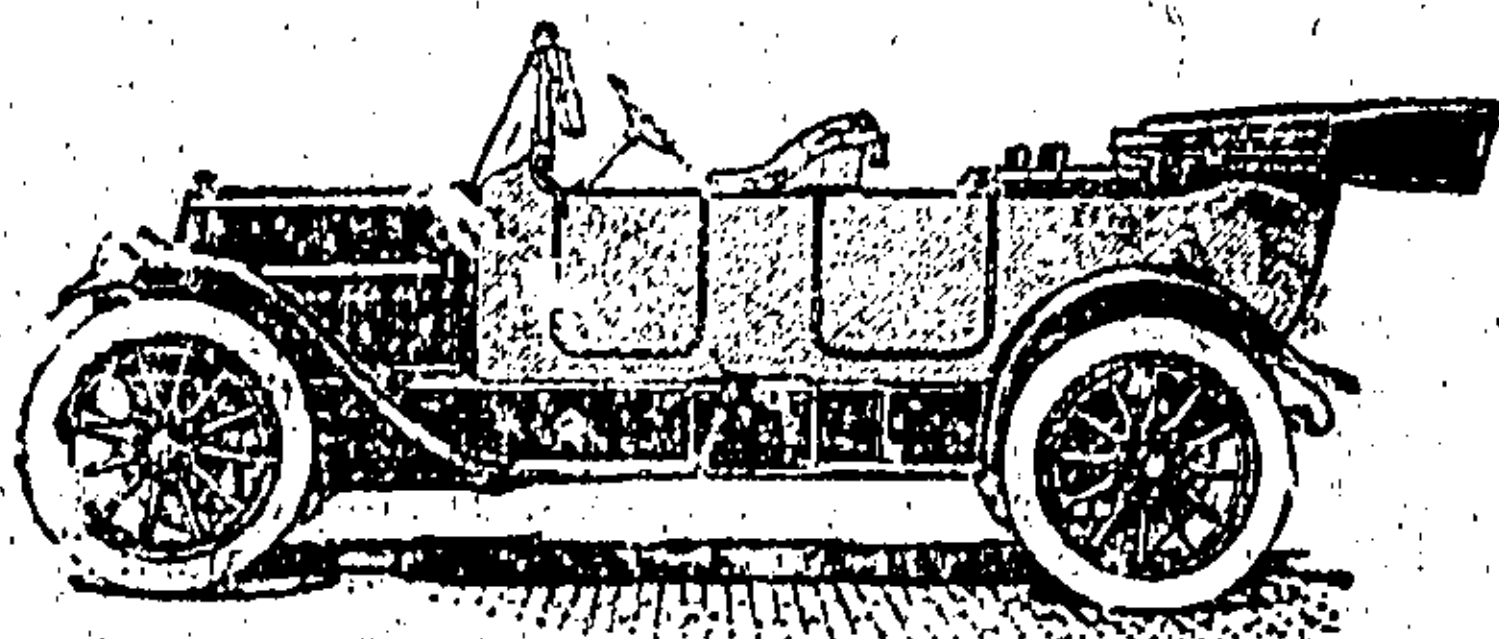


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GENERAL NEWS.

Alcohol in U.S. Navy.
The United States Secretary of the Navy has signed an administrative order that naval officers will have to be total abstainers at sea and in houses and clubs within navy yards on shore. No alcoholic drinks are to be allowed as beverages on ship board.

Slighted Chess Champion.
The announcement is made by the *Russkoe Slovo*, that Dr. Lasker who is a Jew, has only received permission to stay in Russia so long as he is giving chess exhibitions. When Dr. Lasker arrived in Moscow the goldmine in charge at the railway station refused to let him be photographed "an unnecessary exuberance of Russian-German relations," according to the chess champion.

Robber of Graves.
A Bordeaux gravedigger named Pierre Mink, fifty years of age, has been arrested and charged with desecrating graves in La Chartreuse Cemetery for purposes of robbery. When the police searched his house they found over three pounds of human hair, which had been cut from the heads of female corpses, and various articles of jewellery, etc., which he is alleged to have stolen from the bodies.

700th Anniversary of Magna Carta.
The 700th anniversary of Magna Carta occurs on June 15, 1915. The Royal Historical Society is organizing a commemoration of the event, and has invited English, American, and foreign scholars and others to form a general committee. The general committee will appoint an executive committee to supervise the arrangements necessary. Lord Bryce has consented to act as chairman of the general committee.

Strike Against Porridge.
A strike occurred on the morning of April 6, among the attendants at Raithill Convalescent Asylum, Leamshire, owing to the decision of the authorities to discontinue meat for breakfast. The first portion of the men refused the porridge substitute for meat, and also refused to go on duty. The situation became serious towards noon, as the men refused dinner until the usual breakfast had been served. Ultimately the medical superintendent agreed to supply the usual rations until a meeting of the asylum committee could be held, and the men resumed duty in the wards.

Prince Albert's Golf.
Prince Albert, who spent a recent week-end leave at Pentwyn, Newquay, the residence of Major Protheroe Smith, played golf on the Newquay links on April 4. In the morning the Prince was matched with Mr. Falbrook, a member of the club, against Major Protheroe Smith and Mr. Peter Wallace in a two-ball foursome, which the Prince and his partner won by one hole. In the afternoon the Prince and Mr. Harold playing in a two-ball foursome, against Major Protheroe Smith and Mr. J. Osborne, the club professional, won by 2 up.

Old Prisoner's Attempted Escape.
A girl student, age 18, was arrested at St. Petersburg on April 3 by the secret police on a charge of being a revolutionist. She was taken to the police station and was left alone in a room for some minutes. The hat, overcoat, and sword of a police officer, hanging on the wall. She put them on and walked boldly out of the room.

Her disguise was not detected until she had reached the entrance to the police station. Here the policeman on duty noticed her foot-prints, at once challenged her, and she was rearrested.

New Use for Husband.
A new use for husbands has been suggested by New York suffragists. "I should like to charter a man for the next dance," said a young woman jocosely at a big supper party. She was overheard by Mrs. J. F. Gillette, one of the promoters of the entertainment, who said: "I have a perfectly good husband, and I will lend him to you for the next dance at 25 cents. The rental is far below his true value, but I will devote the income to the cause of Votes for Women." Dr. Gillette, a well-known physician, was immediately leased and danced most of the remaining partners.

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A Ten Per Cent Dividend.

The report of the Cunard Steamship Company for the year ended December 31 states that the profits including £88,004 brought forward, amount to £1,270,795. After debiting tax and debenture interest and reserving £443,837 for depreciation of ships and other properties and plant, there remains at the credit of profit and loss £710,865. Of this amount £300,000 has been transferred to the credit of the repair and renewal fund, £54,735 to the credit of the insurance account, and £100,000 to the credit of the reserve fund. A dividend of 5 per cent, has been paid on the preference stock to December 31, amounting to £56,750, and the directors now recommend the payment of a dividend of 10 per cent, on the Ordinary shares, including the Government share, from which tax will be deducted, leaving a balance of £130,378, which is carried forward to the credit of profit and loss account. The balance at the credit of the repair and renewal fund stands at £55,779; the balance at the credit of the insurance account now amounts to £111,777, and the reserve fund has been increased to £1,000,000. There has been paid during the year £130,000 to the sinking fund for the redemption of the stock established under the Government agreement, and in accordance with the provisions of the trust deed of June 17, 1908, £30,000 of the Four-and-a-half per Cent. Mortgage Debenture stock was redeemed on December 31, 1913.

It is stated that the first-class traffic during the year suffered by the temporary withdrawal of the *Lutitania*, but both second and third class passengers enjoyed a sensible improvement over 1912. Owing to differences between certain of the companies in the North Atlantic trade, the third-class rates from the Continent to America were kept at considerably lower figures than under normal conditions. Westbound freight rates were maintained at about the same level as in the previous year, and although eastbound rates during the last quarter were disappointing, the total freight earnings were somewhat in advance of 1912. The passenger traffic agreements between the principal lines engaged in the North Atlantic trade expired on January 31, 1914. Several meetings have been held, at which the lines have endeavoured to arrive at a fresh understanding, but no settlement has yet been reached. In view of the very complicated character of the issues involved, it may be considered that the negotiations have advanced as far as could reasonably be expected. A further meeting is to take place on May 1.

The company has expended a further amount of £23,189 in supplying extra lifeboats and other life-saving appliances to the vessels of the fleet. The whole of this amount has been written off. An arrangement has been entered into with the White Star Line

INDIAN SEDITION.

Calcutta, April 3.

The position left by the disagreement of the jury in the case of Nirmal Kanto Roy, charged with abetting the murder of Inspector Ghose, is that the actual murderer of the Inspector has admittedly escaped, and that the alleged confederate has not been convicted, although the crime was committed under conditions specially favourable to his escape. The weak point in the prosecution was that the essential witnesses were gaoled. The crime was committed in the lowest part of the town, and no respectable Bengalis joined in the pursuit, but there is no reason to attribute this fact to political sympathy.

Bengal is now superficially tranquil, but evidence is accumulating that there is a wide-spread conspiracy in existence, the headquarters of which have not been traced. In the recent Garisal case 12 of the prisoners pleaded guilty after protracted proceedings in which startling disclosures were made of a district organization having for its object the subversion of British authority. The organization had branches and agencies all over Eastern Bengal, and was worked through teachers and students. Those opposed to the movement were to be marked down, and arms and ammunition were to be collected. The subversion of the Native Army was designed, but this part of the programme was a complete failure. The case was significant because of the elaborate efforts made to reach the student population through disloyal teachers. Among the exhibits is an elaborate poison book which contains diabolical suggestions for poisoning Europeans.

The menace to the whole of India, including the most peaceful Provinces, is so great from the Bengal conspiracy that no stone can be left unturned. — *The Times*.

and the Hamburg-American Line for the mutual insurance of a portion of the risks on vessels of very high values belonging to the three companies. Under this arrangement the total risk assumed by the company remains unaltered, but is spread over a large number of vessels. The new steamers *Andania* and *Alania* were received from the builders on July 14 and November 13 respectively, and both ships are now in commission. The *Aquitania* is scheduled to sail on her maiden voyage from Liverpool on May 30, and it is expected that the *Transylvania* will be delivered in the latter part of the present year. A contract has been placed with Swan, Hunter, and Wigham Richardson (Limited), Wallsend-on-Tyne, for the building of a new passenger and cargo steamer, to be named *Aurania*, for the company's London Canadian Service.

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LENT.—At the Nursing Home, Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lent, a daughter.
VENNEWITZ.—On April 26, 1914, at 57 Seymour Road, Shanghai to Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Vennewitz, a daughter.

MARRIAGE.

STEPHEN-COURTIS.—On April 21, 1914, at the British Consulate-General, Kobe, before R. G. E. Forster, Esq., H. B. M. Consul-General, and afterwards at the Catholic Church, by the Rev. P. Fago, Richard Forbes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Johnston Stephen, to Charlotte Hilda Vaughan, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred W. Curtis, of Kobe, Japan.

DEATHS.

HYKES.—On April 22, 1914, at the Victoria Memorial Hospital, Tientsin, of broncho-pneumonia and heart failure, Harold Mayberry, third son of Dr. and Mrs. John R. Hykes, in his twenty-fifth year.
MACRAE.—On April 27, 1914, at the Victoria Nursing Home, Shanghai, John Farquhar Macrae, late minister at Toorak Presbyterian Church, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia.

The Hongkong Telegraph.

HONGKONG, MONDAY, MAY 4, 1914.

NEARING A SETTLEMENT.

It was pleasant to read in a telegram on Friday that General Sir Spencer Ewart had been appointed to the Scottish Command. Just a month before he had intimated that he could not withdraw his resignation. Everyone, whatever his politics, regretted that Sir John French and General Ewart should have found it necessary to send in their resignations at all. They retired not because of any difference of view between them and the Government on the question of discipline in the army, but on a point of honour in relation to a brother officer and those whom he represented. They had signed a memorandum which they believed to have the approval of the Cabinet as well as the Secretary for War, but which as it turned out, had no Cabinet sanction and the essential part of which the Prime Minister repudiated directly it came to his knowledge. They were in no sense and in not the slightest degree to blame and were the victims of an unfortunate misunderstanding.

Well might Colonel Seely describe the circumstances as "peculiar and indeed ironic." Sir John French he described as "our most brilliant living soldier," and that the services of two such officers should be lost to the State, as it appeared permanently, was no light thing. And the fact that their loss was due to no disagreement with the Cabinet served only to add to the sense of loss. In the case of General Ewart that loss has only been temporary, and the services of a fine soldier are still to be retained by the Empire. It is to be hoped that some similar announcement will follow in the case of Sir John French. The country cannot afford to have a fine soldier lost to it because of an error in judgment on the part of the Minister for War in which his two chief military advisers were unfortunately involved.

The news that General Ewart has again assumed service is only one sign that the tension on the Irish question is lessening. The wire from Home of the last day or two clearly indicate that a new spirit is abroad. There is a feeling of hopefulness which is spreading even to Ireland, and the leaders on both sides are expected to hold conversations shortly. If these are conducted on common sense lines and with a real and earnest desire to arrive at a settlement, an accord should be found from the maze of difficulties which surround the question and a settlement reached which shall be agreeable to both parties. The points of difference are wide apart, but the gulf can be bridged if real statesmanship is shown. That would have been done since if there had been less theatricalism and wild, even vicious, talk on both sides. The question is not yet settled by any means but it is nearer being amicably settled than it ever has been.

To Scare Pirates.

The authorities at the moment are being deluged with suggestions as to how to prevent, or at least minimise the risk of, piracy, and the shipping companies are also being advised of certain courses of action which they should follow. Some are impracticable; others have the merit of usefulness. One of the best suggestions which we have heard or seen comes from a reader of the *Telegraph*. He points out that one reason for the daring of the pirates is that, in most cases, they can easily get away from a ship which they have looted. Their line of retreat is generally secure. Attack that line and render it dangerous, he argues, and pirates will be less ready to attack a vessel. His idea of how to make retreat dangerous is novel, but it is well worth considering.

Armour Plated Crow's Nests.

Briefly, it is to have a member of the guard forward and another member aft in, so to speak, armour plated crow's nests. From such points of vantage, which are not got at by the pirates, they could sweep the deck with rifle fire and could also make it very warm for any junks or sampans which approached on purpose to take off the pirates. A couple of good shots on board each vessel, sitting secure and unassailable aloft, could do so much damage that even the most daring of pirates would pause and count the cost before he ventured within reach of these rifles. And talking of cost in another sense, the expense to the companies would be trifling. Extra guards need not be carried; two members of the present guard could be set apart for this duty and they would be of much greater value than they are at present. We pass on the idea in the hope that it will be considered in the proper quarters. It has the merit of sound sense.

Unionists and Ulster.

There appears to be some little confusion among the Unionists as to how the Ulster problem can best be settled. Up to now the party has been ceaselessly urging its solution by a submission of the issue to the people at a General Election. Speaking at Coventry on Saturday, however, Mr. Balfour hazarded the view that the problem could not be finally and peacefully settled by a General Election, for even if the country reversed the verdicts of 1886 and 1895 there would still be a position in Ulster making the Bill unworkable. His remedy, therefore, is a "clean-cut separation" of Ulster. How far the utterance of the ex-Premier represents the official view of his party, it would be hard to say; but the statement, coming from such a source, is not one to be brushed aside lightly.

A Suggestion Disposed Of.

Though Mr. Balfour's latest declaration appears to conflict with the pledges of the leader of the party, it at any rate disposes of the suggestion that the Ulster agitation has merely been raised and pursued as a lever to force a Dissolution. There is the point, too, whether, after all, any one question could be settled satisfactorily by a General Election, when all manner of issues are brought to the fore. If a definite verdict is wanted, no better means presents itself than the Referendum. But we suppose that even this would not satisfy Mr. Balfour, who argues that the question cannot be settled at the ballot box. No doubt the idea at the back of his mind is that the matter is best disposed of by negotiations, and in the present state of feeling he is probably right.

TROOPS LEAVING.

126th Baluchis Embark To-day

The 126th Baluchistan Regiment commenced to embark on board the R. L. M. S. *Dufferin* at an early hour this morning from Kowloon. The departing regiment were marched to the Police jetty with bands at the head, in sections, and as the men went they cheered lustily.

They are bound for Karachi and the *Dufferin* is due to leave to-day.

DAY BY DAY.

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The Weather.
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The Mails.
Australian Mail.—Arrived per a.s. *Empire* on Saturday.
American Mail.—Arrived per a.s. *Paul Lecat* (ex *Siberia*) to-day.

French Mail.—Arrived per a.s. *Magellan* this morning.
Siberian Mail.—Closes per a.s. *Tamba Maru* at 10 a.m. to-morrow.

French Mail.—Closes per a.s. *Paul Lecat* at 11 a.m. to-morrow.

Dogs.
Yesterday's bag consisted of 10, all of which were sent to the pound.

Passing Through.
Lieut. Col. and Mrs. H. Pearson are passing through to London on the *Mishima Maru*.

Returned to the Colony.
Mrs. J. E. Kemp was among the passengers who arrived from Japan by the *Mishima Maru* to-day.

Mishima Maru's Cargo.
The *Mishima Maru*, which arrived from Japan this morning, brought to Hongkong 3,500 tons of general cargo.

Paul Lecat's Passengers.
The *Paul Lecat*, which arrived this morning from the North, had 125 Hongkong and through passengers on board.

Customs Change.
Mr. Rowland Wade, Deputy Commissioner of Customs, whose place at Ichang has been taken by Mr. Gilchrist, is expected in Shanghai shortly.

Tai On Piracy.
The Police have removed from the wreck on the a.s. *Tai On* about 2 cwt. of metal, believed to be composed mostly of gold and silver melted and run together.

Theft from Steamer.
The master of the a.s. *Sisima* reports to the Police that between 10 a.m. and noon on the 29th ult., some person stole from the ship a coil of rope, value \$250.

Clothing Stolen at *Tai Po*.
Mr. E. A. Irving, the Director of Education, has reported to the *Tai Po* Police that between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. on the 2nd inst., clothing and a pair of slippers, valued at \$50, were stolen from his bungalow at *Tai Po*.

French Mail not Notified.
The French Mail per a.s. *Magellan* which arrived in port this morning was not notified by the postal authorities. She brings on board 27 French infantry for duty at Shanghai, and 174 Hongkong and through passengers.

Admiral Jerram.
Vice-Admiral Sir T. H. M. Jerram and Lady Jerram, who have been spending a couple of weeks at the *Fujita Hotel*, Miyazaki, left there on April 22 by motor car for Gotohba en route to Kyoto and Nara where they expect to remain for a fortnight.

Interim Dividend.
Messrs. Dowell and Company, Limited, inform us that they are in receipt of a telegram from Tientsin informing them that at a Meeting of Directors of the Chinese Engineering and Mining Co., Ltd., an interim dividend of 1/- per share free of tax was declared on account of the year ending June 30, 1914, payable on May 10 next.

Burglars Again Busy.
A Chinese woman, of 18 Stanley Street, has reported to the Police that between 12 Noon and 7 p.m. on the 3rd inst., some person entered her house by the roof door, which was open, and stole two boxes containing jewelry and clothing to the value of \$923. The Police have recovered clothing to the value of \$114, but no arrest has been made.

Plucky Coolie.
An Indian watchman, Ali Mahomed, who was on duty on the a.s. *Tai Shan*, was last night sent to the Government Civil Hospital, suffering from shock, caused by his having accidentally fallen into the harbour from the deck of the steamer, about 8 p.m. whilst helping to make fast at the Wing Lok Wharf. He was rescued by one of the wharf coolies, named Mak Ling, who pluckily dived into the water,

TAI ON PIRACY.

Macao Police Effect an Arrest.

On Thursday as the result of a visit to a house in Macao, the Macao Police effected the arrest of a Chinese who is believed to be implicated in the piratical attack on the a.s. *Tai On*. It appears that the visit was made as the result of information received by the force there, and a party of detectives went to the house of one Leung Po who is also said to be concerned in the matter. As the party neared the house a man emerged, who, as soon as he saw the police, drew his cap over his eyes.

He was met by the detectives who sent him back into the house and told off one of their number to watch him. Meanwhile they interviewed a woman aged about seventeen years, the wife of Leung Po, who it is said, was shot down during the fight on the *Tai On*. When she was asked where her husband was she replied that he went to Hongkong about a week previously. The house was searched and two iron bars were found, which, according to her story, had been given to her to keep, and two hundred rounds of ammunition. Again the woman was asked what had become of her husband and after much pressing she said that he had been burnt to death on the *Tai On*.

Dealing with her own history she said she had been married to Leung Po for about a year and at the time of her marriage she did not know that he was a robber. The man whom the police had met as they came into the house was her husband's brother, Leung Shiu-cheong.

The latter was searched but nothing incriminating was found about him save a bullet wound in the thigh and a grazed wound on the temple. He was taken into custody and, in answer to the police, said that five days previously Leung Po asked him to go to Hongkong. He did so and got up at a boarding house. Later he met Leung Po in the street and was invited to dinner.

He went, and in the course of the meal it was suggested that he should go on board the *Tai On* travelling steerage. He did so, but went merely as a passenger. While on board he heard a great deal of noise. There was considerable firing and in his fright he jumped overboard. As he did so someone shot him in the thigh, while later the wound to his head was caused by another man jumping on him in the water.

He floated about clinging to a plank until he was picked up by a launch and conveyed to Ouing-san near Macao, to which place he could easily travel by ricksha.

The watchman Silva who was also instrumental in detaching the *Tai On* was picked up near Ching-san suffering from wounds in three places. He was first treated in Wanchai Hospital, near Macao, but when the Macao Government heard of the man's plight he was transferred to the Macao Hospital.

Pulpit Reference.
The Bishop of Victoria made the following reference at the Cathedral yesterday morning:—

My subject this morning is Christian courage. First of all let me refer to a local event. A dastardly crime followed by an appalling calamity has occurred on board a ship sailing from our port. It shows how greatly China needs the benefits of civilization and Christian ethics. I hope the revelation of the cowardly and fiendish methods of the pirates will induce the people of Kwang Tung to determine at all costs to stop their murderous tyranny.

The event has its message to us, a Christian congregation. It calls for our prayerful and practical sympathy with the sufferers. When the prayer "for the Church Militant" is said let us specially remember those who have been bereaved of their nearest and dearest, amongst the Chinese as well as the widow and child of the European officer who lost his life.

Some of us will gladly subscribe to the fund that is being opened to help the sufferers, particulars of which will be given in the daily papers. Benevolent care for such is ever a Christian characteristic.

The fact that some can only subscribe small sums should not deter them from the privilege of

THE "SIBERIA" AFFAIR.

No News of any Steamer in Distress.

Enquiry this morning at the offices of the Pacific Mail a.s. Company elicited the fact that up to the present no information is to hand as to what ship sent out the message stating that she was in distress, which was associated with the *Siberia*.

At the Commodore's Secretary's Office we were informed of a similar negative result.

CHILDAR PIRACY.

Ten Men Brought Down From Macao.

In connection with the a.s. *Childar* piracy, ten men, who are accused of being implicated in the matter, were brought from Macao to Hongkong on Saturday evening under extradition on a.s. *Tai Shan*. The men had been detained in Macao by the authorities there and on Saturday they were handed over to Inspector Gerrard and a guard of ten armed native soldiers. They were put up on the top deck which was kept clear of other passengers, and on their arrival in Hongkong they were imprisoned in the Central Police station.

They are expected to come before the court on Wednesday when the remand charge against three other prisoners in connection with the *Childar* piracy will be before the court. It is anticipated that the men will be ultimately sent to Canton to be dealt with by the authorities there.

taking part in so desirable a movement. The heroic courage and devotion to duty on the part of those in charge of the ship are worthy of their Christian upbringing.

The Authorities Confer.
This morning a private meeting of Government officials and others was held at the Harbour Office for the purpose of considering measures for the prevention of piracy.

The Harbour Master, Captain Superintendent of Police and the Secretary for Chinese Affairs were among those who attended, as well as a number of prominent Chinese business men. Shanghai Paper's Pointed Comment.

The story of the piracy of the small British steamer *Tai On* immediately after leaving British waters at Hongkong on Monday night, reads more like a tale of sixteenth century buccaneering than of modern commerce, says the *N. O. Daily News* of April 29. Such daring outrages are, becoming far too frequent in southern waters. This is not the *Tai On's* first experience, while only in March the Norwegian str. *Childar* was seized by pirates, who overpowered the European officers, ransacked the ship, and took away property valued at over \$20,000.

It would appear that merchant vessels are practically safe so long as they are in British waters. Owing to the difficulty of stopping a ship at sea, the pirates embark as passengers in Hongkong, and as soon as they are in Chinese waters seize her.

Some time ago the Governor of Canton supplied guards for merchantmen, but these have not retarded piracy as they are unable to detect these criminals when they embark as passengers. But surely some greater vigilance should be exercised by the police in Hongkong, while pressure might be brought to bear on the provincial authorities to cease temporizing with pirates of all descriptions, and to take such steps as will insure the detection of these men when they land in Chinese territory. The fact that criminals are able to board steamers at the wharves in Hongkong casts a serious reflection upon the police of the Colony.

THE "TELEGRAPH'S" ACROSTIC.

Poor Old *Tai-on*!

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4. "O-b-l-i-v "I-o-n
5. "N-a-t-i-o "N"

Mr. Craddock Returns.
Mr. D. W. Craddock, who has been to Manila in connection with the new arrangements for including that port in the run of the new Empress boats, returned by the *Kamato Maru* to-day.

FIRE-OUTBREAK.

Originates Through Ignition of Drying Tobacco.

This morning shortly after eight o'clock a fire broke out at No. 73 Queen's Road West which gutted the house and damaged those on either side. At 8.35 a.m. the Fire Brigade received the alarm and answered with commendable promptitude, arriving on the scene to find that the whole building was alight from top to bottom. The house here was old and the one in question, which was of two floors, took fire rapidly and had gained such a complete hold on the building, that the brigade could do but little more than confine the outbreak to No. 73. To this end, under Deputy Capt. Superintendent King and Engineer Lane the men devoted much of their efforts and succeeded, the adjacent houses being slightly hurt by fire and more so by water.

The work of the brigade lasted only about two hours in which time the house had been burnt out leaving only the walls and the verandahs, the latter being unsafe and necessitating shoring. The ground floor was in the occupation of a tobacco and general merchant while the other two stories were used for living purposes while the adjoining houses were used as medicine and boot shops respectively.

The police report says:—The premises in which the fire originated were occupied by Ng Yau-chen, trading under the style of Ching Chan, a Chinese tobacco merchant. The fire rapidly spread to the first and second floors, the former of which was vacant, the second floor being occupied by Yan Lam and used as a medicine shop. The fire was confined to No. 73, which was completely gutted, and was extinguished by the Fire Brigade at about 9.30 a.m.

The damage on the ground floor, which was insured in the *On On Insurance Co.* for \$600, amounted to about \$700.

The amount of the estimated damage on the second floor is about \$1,400, which is partly covered by a policy in the *Mitsu Bussan Kaisha* for \$1,000.

The fire was caused by the ignition of tobacco which was drying on the ground floor.

WATCHMAN MURDERED.

Curious Affair at the Government Civil Hospital.

Sahab Barsurjee, age 55, a native of Singapore, who was employed as a watchman at the gate of the Government Civil Hospital, was found on the floor of his room, by Mr. Chapman, yesterday morning, with his hands and feet tied and a string round his neck.

Mr. Chapman, who was on his morning round of inspection when he found the deceased, immediately released him and had him removed to the receiving room of the Hospital, where it was found that life was extinct and that he had died from strangulation.

The Police have the matter in hand, but so far no arrest has been made.

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DEATH OF SISTER LOUISE.

We regret to record the death, at the Italian Convent, of Sister Louise Angel (Miss Emily Angel), which sad event took place at 8.45 a.m. to-day.

Sister Louise had been at the convent for some time. She was formerly a European teacher in the Upper Division of the Italian Convent School.

SIR PAUL CHATER SUED.

Prospecting in the New Territory.

In the Supreme Court, this morning Mr. Justice Gompertz (Acting Chief Justice) heard a claim by George Lanzus, a mining engineer of Dutch nationality from Sir Paul Chater O.M.G. for \$45,000 and 1500 fully paid up shares of \$100 each in the Hongkong Iron Mining Company Limited, or, in the alternative, \$15,650, remuneration for professional services rendered.

Mr. Alabaster and Mr. Eldon Potter, instructed by Mr. Willson, of Messrs. Stephens and Willson, appeared for the plaintiff and Mr. Sharp K.C., instructed by Mr. Locker of Messrs. Deacon, Looker, Deacon and Harston, appeared for the defendant.

The statement of claim was to the effect that by an agreement in writing dated July 22, 1905, the defendant and Sir Hormusjee Nowrojee Mody, since deceased, jointly contracted with the plaintiff and Archibald Campbell McMillan, since deceased, that in consideration of the plaintiff and McMillan prospecting for minerals in the New Territories and adjacent British Islands, the former would pay to the latter proper and reasonable remuneration. From July 1905 to April 1908 with the exception of a period of three months the plaintiff rendered his services. It was stated by plaintiff that \$45,000 was a proper and reasonable remuneration for such professional services. Under an Agreement dated October 10, 1906, defendant received from the Hongkong Iron Mining Company Limited for and on behalf of the plaintiff 9000 fully paid up shares of \$100 each in the said company. The plaintiff had received from the defendant only 750 of the said shares and there was a balance of 1500 fully paid up shares due to him.

Mr. Alabaster in a very lengthy opening said the plaintiff was a mining engineer and, having obtained first of all a theoretical knowledge, he came out abroad to obtain practical knowledge. He had had experience in South Africa, Dutch Indies, Klondyke and other places, and he came here and made the acquaintance of McMillan through the instrumentality of a Mr. Griffiths of Canton. Plaintiff and McMillan received an introduction to Sir Paul Chater and Sir H. N. Mody and the former made a proposition to the latter gentleman. An agreement was entered into in July, 1905, a prospecting agreement, the expenses of prospecting to be paid by Sir Paul Chater and Sir H. N. Mody. Although development was referred to there was no reference as to who should pay for development. After the agreement was signed plaintiff and McMillan disclosed to Sir Paul Chater the discoveries they had made and they went on developing the mines they had discovered. The work in the New Territories continued after the signing of the agreement and the plaintiff and McMillan fully expected to be paid the remuneration for the work they had done. However, they were always put off and told to wait. As they expected their remuneration would depend largely on results, they were content to wait a time. After the first agreement had been signed there was a typhoon and the plaintiff's papers and notebooks and part of his household in the New Territory were blown away; that was 1906. At that time the iron mine had reached a stage when it was ready to be floated and the plaintiff's solicitors wrote a letter to the assignment of shares. Another letter was written in September the agreement and saying that no mention was made of the services rendered by plaintiff and McMillan in prospecting and discovering, opening up and developing the mines in the New Territories. Sir Paul Chater and Sir H. N. Mody were to pay three quarters of the expenses in the iron mines and plaintiff and McMillan to pay one quarter. So far as the expenses of prospecting were concerned under the original agreement plaintiff and McMillan were to pay nothing. The agreement had been signed and probably plaintiff and McMillan would be

SPECIAL CABLES.

(From Our Own Correspondent).

MONGLIANS MASSACRED.

DEAD AND WOUNDED THROWN INTO DITCH.

Shanghai, Received May 4
A hundred inhabitants of Inner Mongolia were enticed by Chinese into a loop-holed defence at Ketung, to the north-west of Kalgan, and seventy were massacred. The dead and wounded were thrown into a ditch.

TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

The Presentation of Prize's.

The prize distribution in connection with the Hongkong Cricket Club tennis tournament took place on Saturday afternoon, Miss Robertson performing the pleasant duty of handing over the prizes to the winners. The L.R.C. beat the H.K.C.C. by 68 to 40. Mr. F. Maitland, the President, in introducing Miss Robertson observed that many years had passed since the L.R.C. and the H.K.C.C. tennis contests were first held. At the tennis finals this year there had been remarkably large attendances, but he would like to see larger attendances at their cricket matches. He congratulated the L.R.C. on their win that afternoon and the play had been so good that he would have liked to have seen all the games. He was pleased to announce that they would be sending a cricket team to Shanghai next month and he was glad to be able to say that the team they were going to send would be the best in the Colony. Naturally they all hoped the Hongkong team would beat Shanghai on the latter's ground. Those games had taken place for many years, and although they had rarely been able to beat Shanghai on the latter's ground they had hopes of doing so this time (Applause).

Miss Robertson presented the prizes to the following:
Singles Handicap "A" Class.—1, Mr. S. E. Green; 2, Mr. T. H. King.
Singles Handicap "B" Class.—1, Capt. Hatherly Smith; 2, Mr. J. C. Clarke.
Handicap Doubles.—1, Messrs. Sandford and Murphy; 2, Messrs. Joseland and Penman.
Mixed Doubles.—1, Mr. R. Hancock and Mrs. Beavis; 2, Mr. E. Humphreys and Mrs. Armstrong.

Championship Singles (round).—1, Mr. S. E. Green; 2, Mr. Penman.
Previous to Mr. Nesbit receiving the Championship Cup Mr. Maitland said the winner thoroughly deserved the cup for which he had had to gain three consecutive victories, beating Captain Day, Mr. Joseland and now Mr. Green. He congratulated Mr. Nesbit on winning the cup and thought it would now pass out of the Club's possession he was sure they would be able to get another by next year (Applause).

Mr. Nesbit received rousing cheers and a "tiger."
The President referred to the quiet and unassuming manner in which Mr. P. M. Hodgson, the Hon. Secretary had worked on behalf of the Club. He also thanked Miss Robertson for presenting the prizes and handed her a bouquet of white flowers. Cheers and a tiger were given for Miss Robertson.

The Professional Pairs are to be played off on Wednesday evening.
could make the present value \$75 a share.
After the tiffin adjournment Mr. Alabaster took up the major portion of the afternoon citing authorities and the case was proceeding as we went to press.

Sir Robert Hart's Statue.
Mr. F. A. Aglen, Inspector General of Customs, who is coming to Shanghai to unveil the statue of Sir Robert Hart, was expected to arrive last week. Mr. Aglen is accompanying him.

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Soldiers Club Tournament.

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500
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Gua. Cathbert 196
Gun. Hook 188
362
The best break was 30, by Franks.

LATEST SHIPPING NEWS.

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.
The S. S. LUTZOW which left here on the 30th Apr. at 8 p.m. arrived at Shanghai on the 3rd inst. at 8 a.m.
The P. M. S. SIBERIA arrived at Manila on the 2nd May at 10 a.m. and will leave that port on the 4th May at 4 p.m. which makes her due to arrive at Hongkong on the 6th May, morning, at about 8 o'clock.
The French S. S. PHUYEN left Saigon for this port, and is due to arrive here on or about the 5th inst.
The H. A. L. S. BAYERN left Singapore on the 3rd inst. a.m. and may be expected here on or about the 7th a.m.

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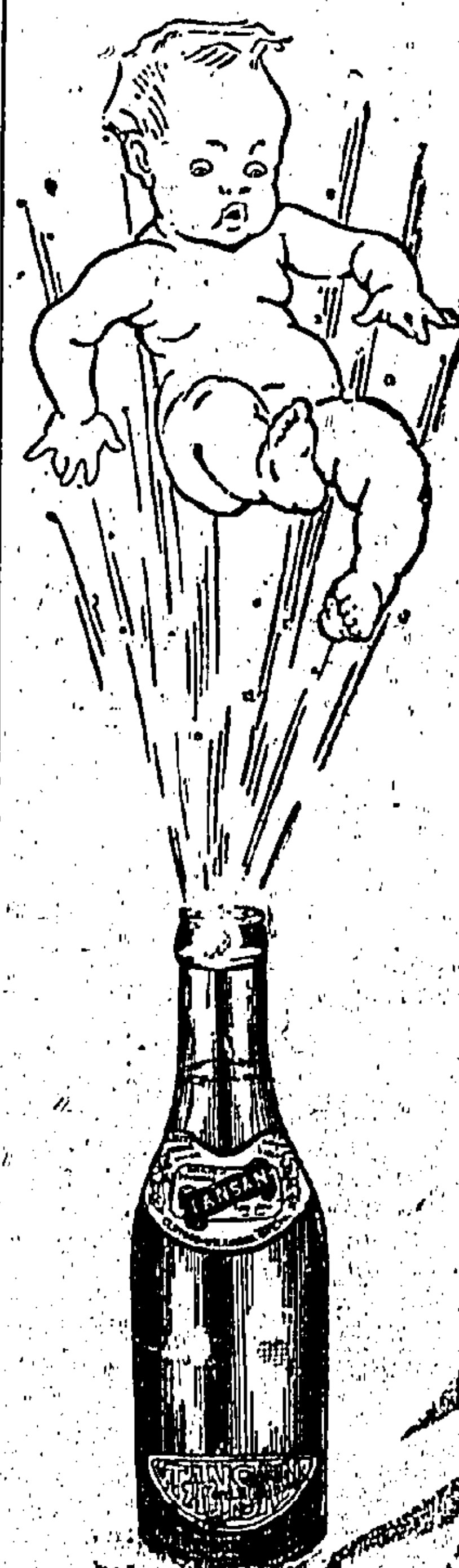
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Fire 1

Fires in Calcutta coal cargoes—the first important outbreak of the hot season—were on April 7 reported to have occurred at Bombay in the British steamers Blake and Tullochmoor. Both boats are built on the turret plan. Special interest attaches to the incidents because of a belief expressed that not only were turret steamers peculiarly suitable for carrying coal cargoes under ordinary conditions, but that coal was less likely to fire in turret steamers than in other ships.

Decline in Shipbuilding.

Returns compiled by Lloyd's Register of Shipping, which only takes into account vessels the construction of which has actually begun, show that, excluding war-ships, there were 535 vessels of 1,890,856 tons gross under construction in the United Kingdom at the close of the quarter ended March 31. The tonnage now under construction is about 60,000 tons less than that which was in hand at the end of last quarter, and nearly 173,000 tons less than that building in March, 1913. Of the vessels under construction in the United Kingdom at the end of March 31, of 1,482,350 tons, are under the inspection of the surveyors of Lloyd's Register with a view to classification by this Society. In addition, 124 vessels of 518,854 tons, are building in other countries under the Society's survey.

Two Total Losses.

Two small French steamers were on April 2 reported to have been totally lost off the English coast. The Spanish steamer Jose de Aramburu arrived at Dover with damage to stem and forepeak filling and reports that she had been in collision with the French steamer Maine, whose crew she had on board. Subsequent search failed to discover the Maine, and as cases were floating about it was thought that she had foundered. The Maine is described as a steamer of 439 tons, built at Nantes in 1900, and valued at £8,000. She belongs to the Compagnie Maritime de la Seine. The second loss was that of Normand, which struck on the Beagle Rock, Cornwall, during a fog while bound from Nantes to Fowey in ballast. The crew were landed. The Normand belongs to J. Larraz, of Bayonne, and is a vessel of 240 tons, built at Irvine in 1891 as the Norman, and valued at £3,000.

Comfort at Sea.

In a paper read before the Institution of Naval Architects on April 3 Mr. L. Peskett analysed the influence exerted by ship-owners on the design and construction of ships. His observations were based upon 30 years' experience with the Cunard Company, of which he is the naval architect. As regards the problem of economical propulsion he said that it had been found that unless the distance between coaling ports exceeds about 2,000 miles there is no advantage in fitting quadruple instead of triple expansion engines when all the factors are taken into account. In the matter of stability, it was highly desirable that passenger ships should be comfortable, and comfort was largely measured by metacentric height, which for easy motion in a sea wave should be as small as was compatible with safety. The relation between it and rolling period was taken into primary consideration in the design of anti-rolling tanks, the fitting of which was a marked example of the owner's influence, showing him to be willing to incur considerable initial expense and to accept the burden of additional upkeep, costs, and loss of revenue in order to provide the maximum comfort for his passengers. In the Laconia Frahm anti-rolling tanks are found to reduce the amplitude of rolling movement by an average of 60 per cent., and they are being fitted in the Aquitania, in which bilge keels have been dispensed with.

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HONGKONG, MONDAY, MAY 4, 1914.

TELEGRAMS.

(The following telegram arrived too late for insertion on Page 1.)

SIR STAMFORD RAFFLES

HIS REMAINS DISCOVERED.

London, Received May 4.

In the course of works in connection with the enlargement of Hendon Church, a vault was discovered containing the coffin in which are the remains of Sir Stamford Raffles, the position of whose grave at Hendon was hitherto unknown.

(Sir Stamford Raffles was the son of a sea captain in the West India trade and was born at sea off the coast of Jamaica in 1781. At an early age he entered the East India House as extra clerk, later went to Penang, and owing to the illness of the chief secretary had to undertake the entire administrative labour of the new government there. He made great advancement and had much to do with securing Java and Singapore for Britain, being first Lieut. General of the former territory, which was later given up to the Dutch. Singapore was his "political child", and he was responsible for the laying out of the city and establishing its constitution as a free port. He died of apoplexy at his house near London in 1826.)

SIR PAUL CHATER SUED.

Prospecting in the New Territory.

(Continued from Page 5.)

On those authorities, said Mr. Alabaster, there could be no question, but when those persons, plaintiff and McMillan, went to Sir Paul Chater and Mody in July 1903 and told them that they had these discoveries and they had a conversation which resulted in the signing of the agreement, that Sir Paul Chater and Mody never intended for one single moment to enter into a partnership with plaintiff and McMillan whom they had never known before, a partnership under which plaintiff and McMillan could by representation under contracts have involved Sir Paul Chater in enormous sums. There could be no question that the agreement could never have been intended, and was not a partnership agreement at all. He submitted that not being a partnership agreement, they having done the work were entitled to be paid for the work they had done. They were entitled generally because they had been requested to do the work, and they were also entitled because of the wording of the agreement. Now they said they were employed by Sir Paul Chater to do this work. They were claiming remuneration right up to the time of their departure in 1903. He did not know what arguments would be used by the other side but it might possibly be argued that after so far as the iron mine was concerned the incorporation of that company, their claim should be against the company, but the evidence he produced would prove the plaintiff did not enter into any agreement with the company at all; he was employed by Sir Paul Chater and not by the company. On that point he could refer his Lordship to another case and according to that case, even if Sir Paul Chater asked plaintiff to do work which the Company might have asked him to do, Sir Paul Chater was liable for it. The case was an antiquated one.

Arrival.

One warrant officer A.C. arrived per P. and O.s. "Nivara" on 30th ult. and is taken on the strength of the command accordingly.

HOME NEWS.

Interesting Items from the Latest Mails.

The building trade dispute was still unsettled when the mail left. The men's Executive on April 7 considered the proposals of the London Master Builders' Association for a settlement, subject to certain conditions, but decided to reject them. According to a member of the Trade Union Conference there were on this date 25,000 operatives locked out owing to the dispute, and of these there were 10,000 builders' labourers, two of whose organisations had become bankrupt while there were 5,000 men in want and 15,000 women and children practically in destitution.

Interesting Marriage.
On April 6, Mrs. Patrick Campbell, the well-known actress, was married in London to Mr. George Cornwallis West, who was divorced last year by his wife, Lady Randolph Churchill. It was when only 17 years of age that Mrs. Patrick Campbell first married, her husband being only two years older. In 1900 Mr. Patrick Campbell went to the South African War with the Imperial Yeomanry and he lost his life in an engagement at Boshof. When 28 years of age Mrs. Patrick Campbell took London by storm in "The Second Mrs. Tanqueray" and since that time she has been supreme among emotional actresses.

Big Property Deal.

The whole of Lord Howard de Walden's Regent's Park estate, comprising over 62 acres, has been sold to Mr. S.P. Derbyshire for a sum of over half a million sterling. Twenty streets, with 750 houses, are involved in the sale, and the area is claimed to be the largest London property transferred in one deal within living memory. The purchaser is senior partner in the firm of Messrs. Derbyshire Bros., chartered accountants of Nottingham, and the director of several companies, and as many of the leases on the estate are expiring, he is credited with the intention of carrying out a scheme for converting the part of London affected—practically from Primrose Hill to Lord's—into "a new Mayfair."

Labour Deputation to Africa.

It will be remembered that some time ago the English Labour Party, or the unofficial element among its members, sent Mr. Tom Mann to South Africa in connection with the treatment of Labour leaders there. The matter has been taken a step further by the decision of the combined Labour organisations to send out an official deputation, including Mr. Ramsay MacDonald. The Conference which decided the matter met in London on April 7 and a resolution was passed calling upon the South African Government to counsel the repeal of Clause 4 of the Indemnity Act and recommending that a deputation of twelve be appointed to place before the Prime Minister and the Colonial Secretary the necessity for that course being adopted. Six delegates were chosen to form part of the deputation, these being Messrs. Ramsay MacDonald, Harry Gosling, Tom Shaw A. Gill, George Roberts and Brownlie. The failure of a former Sergeant Major who four years ago won the Calcutta Sweepstakes of £30,000 came before creditors on the petition of a money-lender on April 8. The debtor was Mr. Harold Dunstan Penn, of Wardour Street, London, W., who estimated his liabilities at £243 and claimed to have a surplus in assets of £131.

Debtor, who was formerly a sergeant major in the 12th "Lancers", retired from the Army on winning the Calcutta Sweep and for about two and a half years he lived on the income from his

ASTONISHING STATEMENT.

A Defence that did not Succeed.

A Chinese charge at the Police Court, this morning, with gambling said the Chinese constable who preferred the charge against him asked him to gamble and, when the constable lost ten cents, he arrested him. Though the statement provoked laughter it did not inspire his Worship (Mr. Wood) with confidence in the defence, and he fined the defendant \$3.

Afterwards he brought for £5,000 a business of wholesale cigarette manufacturer, which he transferred to a limited liability company. He attributed his failure to the loss of £8,000 in this company and to living beyond his income. About four years ago he executed a deed of settlement in favour of his wife covering property amounting to £12,000. The case was left in the hands of the Official Receiver.

Troublesome Suffragists.

Defiant speeches were made in the Marlborough Street Police Court on April 6 by Mrs. Drummond and Miss Margaret Rogers, two well-known suffragists, when they were charged with obstructing the police. When the latter was fined twenty shillings, or 14 days, she had to be carried out struggling, and suffragists at the back of the Court broke out into a chorus of epithets, which resulted in their being objected. Mrs. Drummond later launched out into intemperate language, and demanded to know "Where are Carson and all those Unionists?" She was forcibly removed from the dock, and two days later was brought up again, when there were further riotous scenes. During the proceedings she snatched a police whistle from one of the constables and threw it at the magistrate. She was fined forty shillings, or a month, and within a short time she had paid the fine and was released.

The suffragist, Mary Richardson, who March 12 was sentenced to six months' imprisonment for damaging the Reckby Venus in the National Gallery, was on April 7 released from Holloway Prison for six weeks on a temporary discharge. During her imprisonment she had to be forcibly fed, and her release was necessary in order that she could undergo an operation for appendicitis.

The Case of Mr. Fenner.

The stockbroker whose name has been so frequently associated with the Marconi affair—Charles Edwin Fenner—was placed in the dock at the Mansion House Police Court on April 6 and formally remanded after evidence of arrest had been given. In all, there are 70 charges, based on the evidence of the following six complainants—The Master of Elibank (now Lord Murray), Teresa Mary Cooper, Irene May Cooper, George Richard Bosanquet, Smith-Bosanquet, Ella Gertrude Lamb, and Mary Edith Arendrup. The charges in respect of which Lord Murray is the complainant include the alleged fraudulent conversion of £5,000 Canadian Northern Railway Income Debenture stock and £8,000 Canadian Northern Ontario Guaranteed Mortgage Debentures, and of £7,188, part of a cheque for £14,220 entrusted to Fenner for the purchase of stock.

The prisoner was again before the Court on April 8, when the case was opened. Two of the charges were commenced, and a remand was eventually ordered.

The Irish Question.

Up to the time of the departure of the mail there was very little fresh to report in the Ulster crisis, as Parliament adjourned on April 8, for the Easter Recess. The debate came to an end in the

"STEP THIS WAY."

An Unrehearsed Episode at the Theatre Royal.

Those who were present at the Theatre Royal on Saturday evening were regaled with a show in which there was not a moment's dullness from start to finish. The performance went with a delightful swing and, judging by the frequent encores, the audience was more than satisfied with the fare provided.

Messrs. Bobby Roberts and Jimmie Hooper were in splendid form and were responsible for continuous roars of laughter, their efforts being very ably seconded by Messrs. Erbel Baroli, Addie Lennard, Ernie Stclair, B.B. Kendal and Nellie Lomas; and by Messrs. Fred. Coyne, Walter Elagert and Eric Langham.

A "Pianofortissimo" was executed with considerable ability by Messrs. Eric Langham, Walter Elagert, Olive Leighton and Howard Lawrence; and the company's latest acquisition, Miss Davis Mayor Cooke, with Mr. Alec Worcester, scored a further success in "The Wedding Glide." This lady also gave an excellent rendering of "You made me love you."

A hearty burst of merriment was also evoked early in the first scene by a gentleman whose name did not appear on the programme, to wit, a zealous member of the H. K. Police, who, mistaking Mr. Bobby Roberts (seated in the auditorium) for an unwise diner, was proceeding to eject him, in spite of Mr. Roberts' assertions that "he had paid his money and had a perfect right to express an opinion", and it was only with difficulty that he was dissuaded from so doing. This incident also provided the material for several "gags" during the evening.

To-night the company present the popular success from Dally's—"The Marriage Market."

House of Commons on April 6, when speeches were delivered by Mr. Redmond and Sir Edward Carson. The former speaker said it was impossible for his side to abandon the principle of "Ireland a nation" and he accordingly advised Ulstermen to "Frankly face the inevitable." He stated that he was in sympathy with Federalism, but he made it clear that he would have no Federalism which separated Ulster from the rest of Ireland. Sir Edward Carson insisted that the present Bill meant the death of Federalism, and he stated that he was sick of generalities. The impression left by the proceedings was that a settlement was as far off as ever. Next day further efforts were made by the Unionists to throw light on the Army crisis but their questions met with non-committal replies. On the 8th, Mr. McKenna stated, in reply to a question, that he could find no evidence of the suggestion that during the conference that were held relating to the Curragh incident Earl Roberts threatened to resign the office of Field Marshal.

On April 8 Mr. Asquith was returned unopposed for East Fife, ten nomination papers being handed in. The chief proposer was Sir James Scott, who has taken part in Mr. Asquith's nominations for the last 28 years. This was the eighth occasion on which the Premier had been returned for East Fife, but only the second he had gone back without opposition.

\$750 Fine.

At the Police Court, this morning, Chan Hung was charged by Inspector Garard with being in unlawful possession of 1,000 rounds of ammunition at Yau-ma-tei. He was fined \$750.

HONGKONG TENNIS LEAGUE.

Club de Recreio v. Y.M.C.A.

This match was played off on the former's ground and resulted in a win for the home team. Results:—

V. Yvanovich and M. Pina beat McPherson and Carter 6-2
V. Yvanovich and M. Pina beat Hansen and Thompson 7-4
V. Yvanovich and M. Pina beat Leach and Fuller 5-6
P. Yvanovich and Rodriguez beat Hansen and Thompson 7-4
P. Yvanovich and Rodriguez beat Leach and Fuller 6-5
A. and J. Lopes beat Hansen and Thompson 6-5
A. and J. Lopes beat McPherson and Carter 6-5
A. and J. Lopes beat Leach and Fuller 4-7

Total... 54-45
Club de Recreio... 54 games.
Y.M.C.A.... 45
Civil Service v. Craigengower.
Civil Service and Craigengower met on Saturday with the following result:—

Bird and Lindsay:—
Beat the Brothers Braga... 8-3
Beat Hancock and Bass... 8-3
Lost to Taylor and Re-medios... 4-7
Barlow and Hamilton:—
Lost to Hancock and Bass... 4-7
Lost to Taylor and Re-medios... 5-6
Beat the Brothers Braga... 6-5
Biden and Tachi:—
Lost to Taylor and Re-medios... 4-7
Lost to Brothers Braga... 2-9
Lost to Hancock and Bass... 2-9
Craigengower... 58 games
Civil Service... 43

Wigwam Tournament Result.

The prize giving in connection with the Wigwam tennis tour, naming took place on Friday. Owing to the inclement weather there was no match with the Olympic club. Mrs. Wolff presented the prizes and was presented by Miss Edna Blackburn with a bouquet of white lilies in a silver vase. The results are:—
Gentlemen's Single Championship, best of 3 sets right through, Mrs. Blackburn.
Gentlemen's double championship, Messrs. L. Blackburn and O. W. Jeffries.
Mixed doubles championship, best of 3 sets right through, Mrs. Crapnell and Mr. P. B. Wolf.
Gentlemen's single handicap, Class "A," best of 3 sets; final best of 5; Mr. P. R. Wolf.
Gentlemen's single handicap, Class "B," best of 3 sets; final best of 5, 1 Mr. H. Poulsen; 2 Mr. H. Lehmann.
Ladies' Single Handicap best of 3 sets right through, Mrs. Blackburn.
Gentlemen's Double Handicap, best of 3 sets; final best of 5; Messrs. Capell and Mr. G. Ludin.
Mixed Double Handicap, best of 3 sets right through, Mrs. Blackburn and Mr. P. B. Wolf.

Alleged Desertion.

At the Marine Court this morning Mr. E. S. Crowe, master of the s.s. Kwong Sai, charged Kichi, a watchman, before Commander Basil Taylor, with deserting from his ship on April 30. The case was remanded until to-morrow.

Latest Advertisements.

The Hippodrome and Circus opens at Causeway Bay on Saturday next.—Page 5.
Mr. G. P. Lamert is selling valuable household furniture and Canton blackwood on the 8th. inst.—Page 5.
Consignees' notice regarding the s.s. Montrose is issued.—Page 5.

THE TIGER AGAIN.

Scares a Number of Chinese Gentlemen.

Our friend, or enemy, the tiger has once again shown himself, this time to a number of Chinese gentlemen who were by no means of means anxious to make the beast's acquaintance.

According to the story which has reached us, these gentlemen were out dining on Thursday night, and left their host's house at about 11 o'clock. When they got to the junction of Robinson and Lyttleton Roads, one of their number drew attention to two eyes shining out of the darkness, "just like lamps." The party approached, and on getting closer they perceived the form of Mr. Stripes. With more haste than ceremony, they at once made tracks in the opposite direction, beating a hurried retreat to their host's residence where they remained until they felt it safe to venture out again. They were all much scared, and none of them doubts the Hongkong tiger stories any longer.

On Saturday afternoon a party of gentlemen beat the whole of the little Hongkong Valley for the tiger but without success. In spite of the fact that the valley was gone thoroughly over no traces of the animal could be found.

An interesting story was told the *Telegraph* this morning as to how the tigers came on to the Island, by a Chinese gentleman. He says that some time ago a Chinese living in Hongkong was in possession of two tigers which he had kept for pets some time past. He was doing this, our informant said, without the knowledge of the police. As they grew bigger he found that he could not afford to keep them in food and surreptitiously set them free on the hills to fend for themselves.

In connection with this strange story it is interesting to note that tiger cubs have been obtainable in Hongkong and in the latter part of 1911 and the early months of 1912 a small tiger was on sale in one of the bird and wild beast shops to the west of the Central Market.

A COMIC SALE BY AUCTION.

Notice is given in garrison orders that a Comic Sale by Auction will take place in the open air at Scandal Point, towards the end of May, in aid of the O.E.M.S. Funds. The exact date and time will be announced later. Prizes will be awarded to the troops for (a) the most useful; (b) the most comic article sent in, the condition of entry being that the article must have been made by the competitor himself. Any saleable article, whether new or old, may be sent in to Scandal Point any morning, except Wednesday, up to 11.30 a.m. and will be received with thanks by the O.E.M.S. Committee. All articles sent in will be considered the property of the O.E.M.S. and will be sold in the course of the auction.

LARCENY OF BLANKETS.

Eleven men charged this morning.

Before Mr. Wood, at the Police Court, this morning, eleven men were charged in connection with the larceny of 360 blankets valued at \$1,440, from Messrs. Jardine Matheson and Company's godown at East Point about the 30th ult. The Water Police recovered 165 blankets and 17 others have been found in other police districts. The case was remanded until Friday afternoon, but the \$500 each being allowed. Mr. G. P. Lamert, of Messrs. D'Almada and Mason, defends eight of the men, and Mr. Dixon, of Messrs. Widdowson and Grist, defends two of them.

ROYAL HONGKONG YACHT CLUB.

Ladies' Day.

Saturday was ladies' day in connection with the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club there being two races both of which proved most interesting. There was a large attendance of guests and members including H. R. the Governor and Lady May. A start was made with the first race at 2.30 with a light N.E. breeze, and a strong ebb tide. Mrs. Lowe winning in La Linda with a corrected time of 4hrs. 29 min. Saeco. Mrs. Arthur in the Ailes a one design class boat secured second prize and Miss Roseman in the Bolla was third. The corrected times were:—

	hrs.	min.	secs.
La Linda	4	20	08
Rolla	4	29	25
Dione	4	32	33
Kathleen	4	34	43
Ailes	4	37	01

There were seven starters in the cruiser race the corrected times for which were:—
Dorothy... 4 17 42
Scotengden... 4 49 13
Queen Bee... 4 50 18
Miranda... 5 58 57
Iris... 4 58 44
Flora... not timed.
The prizes went to Dorothy sailed by Mr. Denison and the second to Scotengden, sailed by Mr. A. R. Lowe.

HARBOUR OFFICE.

Examinations.

The following are the results of examinations held at the Harbour Office during the month of April:—

John Marshall, 1st Class Engineer.	
B. G. S. Barnell, 1st Mate.	Engineer.
J. T. Thirlwell, 2nd Mate.	Engineer.
F. C. Dutton, 1st Class	Engineer.
H. C. Clements, 2nd Class	Engineer.
C. R. Pileher, 2nd Mate.	Engineer.
P. A. Johnson, 2nd Mate.	Engineer.
W. W. Hurvey, 2nd Class	Engineer.
W. Semple, 1st Class Engineer.	Engineer.
R. Winterson, 1st Class	Engineer.
U. H. Bryan, Master.	Engineer.

OLYMPIC TENNIS CLUB.

The annual meeting of members of the Olympic Lawn Tennis Club was held on Saturday afternoon, Mr. W. H. Vivesah presiding. The report and accounts, which were of a satisfactory character, were adopted and the following appointments were made:— Secretary Mr. H. E. Stephens; Committee, Messrs. G. W. Sewell, A. G. Macdonald, N. G. Peterkin, D. Macleod and C. D. Lambert.

During the afternoon the final in the Vectors' Cup Competition was played off between W. H. Vivesah and G. W. Sewell, the former winning by three sets to one. Subsequently the prizes were presented in this competition and the American tournament, by Mrs. Stevens, the winners in the latter being:—"A" Class, winner A. Vivesah, runner-up J. Smith; "B" Class, winner F. Mills, runner-up J. R. Macgahan; Ladies, winner Mrs. Fellow, runner-up Mrs. Mackaskill.

Sale of Fire Engines.
Mr. G. P. Lamert is selling by auction to-morrow, at his sales rooms, two manual fire engines, new and complete.

Confucius' Death.
To-morrow is the anniversary of the death of Confucius.

To Consignees.
Consignees of cargo by the *Furor Bulow* are reminded that goods remaining undelivered after to-morrow will be subject to sale.

FAR EASTERN NAVAL SQUADRONS.

HIS BRITANNIC MAJESTY'S SHIPS ON THE CHINA STATION.

Nam	Class	Tonnage	Gun	H.P.	Commander	Reported at
Olaquity	Despatch-boat	1,700	12	2,000	Comdr. A. Cochrane	Hongkong
Admiralty	Admiralty tug	—	—	—	Master W. West	Hongkong
Cramble	Gunboat	710	2	900	Lt.-Com. V. B. Brandon	Yangtze
Aritomari	Gunboat	710	2	900	Lt.-Com. W. H. Darwell	Hongkong
Cadmus	British sloop	1,070	6	1,400	Comdr. H. Williams	Shanghai
Cherub	Water tank and tug	380	—	300	Master H. Smith	Hongkong
Bhelmer	T. B. Destroyer	580	—	7,550	Lt.-Com. H. T. England	Hongkong
Ellic	British sloop	1,070	6	1,400	Comdr. Mackenzie, D.S.O.	Penang
Hampshire	1st class cruiser	10,850	10	20,500	Capt. H. W. Grant	Wei-hai-wei
Gid	Torpedo boat destroyer	—	—	—	Lt.-Com. G. A. Mallock	Yangtze
Kinaba	River gunboat	618	4	1,280	Lt.-Com. H. Marryatt	Hongkong
Kennett	Torpedo boat destroyer	—	—	—	Lt.-Com. Boddam Whetham	Hongkong
Merlin	Surveying ship	1,040	—	—	Lt.-Com. O. J. B. Gibson	Labuan
Minotaur	1st class cruiser	14,000	—	27,000	Capt. E. B. Kidde	Wei-hai-wei
Noorben	River gunboat	189	2	800	Lt.-Com. Alan Dixon	Hongkong
Newcastle	2nd class cruiser	4,800	12	22,000	Capt. Frederick A. Powlett	Shanghai
Nightingale	River gunboat	85	2	240	Lt.-Com. M. Murray	Yangtze
Bibbie	Torpedo boat destroyer	580	—	7,500	R. W. Wilkinson	Wei-hai-wei
Robin	River gunboat	85	2	240	Lt.-Com. R. Nash	West River
Rodrio	Depot ship for submarines	980	—	1,400	Lt.-Com. R. Cromie	Canton
Sadpiper	River gunboat	85	2	240	Lt.-Com. I. S. Hutton	West River
Saipo	River gunboat	85	2	240	Lt.-Com. Maurice Leslie	Yangtze
Taku	Torpedo boat destroyer	350	8	6,000	Gunner W. H. Ryder	Hongkong
Taal	River gunboat	180	2	800	Lt.-O. Hon. Guy Stopford	Yangtze
Thistle	Gunboat	710	2	900	Lt.-O. H. R. N. Cotrell	Dormer
Triumph	—	11,915	—	12,500	Capt. P. Sercafield	Hongkong
Ymar	Receiving Ship	—	—	—	Comdr. Anstrute	Hongkong
Yuk	Torpedo boat destroyer	580	—	7,500	Lt.-Com. R. Maxwell	Wei-hai-wei
Virago	Torpedo boat destroyer	350	8	6,300	Lt.-Com. H. D. Adair-Hill	Wei-hai-wei
Welland	Torpedo boat destroyer	580	—	7,500	Com. Seymour	Wei-hai-wei
Whiting	Torpedo boat destroyer	380	6	5,900	Lt.-Com. R. Neville	Wei-hai-wei
Widgeon	Gunboat	195	2	800	Lt.-Com. J. O. B. Barrett	Yangtze
Woodcock	Gunboat	150	2	500	Lt.-Com. M. B. Blackwood	Yangtze
Woodlark	Gunboat	150	2	500	Lt.-Com. Lloyd	Yangtze
O. 36	—	—	—	—	Lt.-Com. Pope	Hongkong
O. 37	—	—	—	—	Lt.-Com. McMillan	Hongkong
O. 38	—	—	—	—	Lt.-Com. J. Gaimies	Hongkong
T.B. 035	—	—	—	—	Lt.-Com. Handley	West River
T.B. 036	—	—	—	—	Lt.-Com. T. Barton	Hongkong
T.B. 037	—	—	—	—	Lt.-Com. Nicol	Hongkong
T.B. 038	—	—	—	—	Lt.-Com. H. W. Seymour	Hongkong

* Flagship of Admiral Jerram, K.O.B., C.V.O., C.M.G. Commander-in-Chief.

FOREIGN MEN-OF-WAR ON NORTH CHINA AND JAPAN STATION.

French.						
Dupoux	Armoured cruiser	10,014	30	20,000	Capt. Verges	Shanghai
Kleiser	Armoured cruiser	9,700	12	19,600	Capt. Gours	Hongkong
Deedes	Gunboat	645	10	1,000	Lieut. Vandier	Saigon
Argus	River gunboat	189	6	570	Lieut. Dordet	Canton
Vigilante	Gunboat	123	7	500	Lieut. de Jerville	Canton
Peiho	Gunboat	130	—	—	Lieut. Collin	Tongkin
Bondard de Lagree	Gunboat	—	—	—	Lieut. Dupuy Duteemps	Tohoku-kin
* Flagship of Rear-Admiral Colloch de Kerillis, Commander-in-Chief, the French China Station						
Lynx	Submarine	—	—	—	Lieut. Bolux	Saigon
Protee	Submarine	—	—	—	Lieut. Bolux	Saigon
Styx	Armoured gunboat	1,798	10	1,700	Lieut. Guillaume-Louis	Saigon
Fronde	Destroyer	350	7	303	Lieut. Adrilac	Saigon
d'Arville	Destroyer	—	—	—	Capt. de Frigate Rouisen	Hongkong
Pistole	Destroyer	130	7	300	Comdr. de Marquessas	Saigon
Mousquet	Destroyer	307	6	300	—	Saigon
Manche	Surveying ship	1,625	10	9,000	Com. Volsin	Saigon
* Flagship of Commodore Boucaut, Commanding the local defence Indo-China.						
German.						
Emden	Cruiser	3,600	22	13,500	Capt. v. Muller	Tsingtau
Gneisenau	Armoured cruiser	11,600	38	26,000	Captain Brunningshaus	Tsingtau
Idis	Gunboat	900	12	1,300	Comdr. Seohase	Canton
Jaguar	Gunboat	900	12	1,300	Comdr. Luring	Shanghai
Leipzig	Cruiser	3,250	24	11,000	Capt. Hann	Tsingtau
Lotha	Gunboat	900	10	1,350	Comdr. Thieroben	Hankow
Narnburg	Cruiser	3,400	22	13,200	Capt. v. Schonberg	Tsingtau
Oder	River gunboat	—	—	—	Capt. Lieut. Friele	Yangtze
Scharnhorst	Flagship	11,600	38	26,000	Capt. F. Sobeltz	Tsingtau
S. 90	Torpedo boat	400	8	6,500	Capt. Lt. Brunner	Tsingtau
Taku	Torpedo boat	380	4	6,000	Oblt. v. S. v. Mauberge	Tsingtau
Tiger	Gunboat	900	10	1,350	Comdr. Booker	Tsingtau
Tsingtau	River gunboat	223	4	1,300	Capt. Lt. v. Moller	Canton
Vesterland	River gunboat	223	4	500	Oblt. v. S. Dresler	Yangtze
Portuguese.						
Adamastor	Cruiser	1,767	—	—	Capt. Annibal de S. Dias	Hongkong
Macao	Gunboat	—	—	—	Capt. Martins	Macao
Patria	Gunboat	700	—	—	Capt. Luiz A. de Magalhães Correa Maa	Macao

UNITED STATES VESSELS.

Nam	Class	Tonnage	Gun	H.P.	Commander	Reported at
A-2	Submarine	—	—	—	Ensign G. Bradford	Cavite
A-4	—	—	—	—	Ensign J. R. Mann	—
A-6	—	—	—	—	Ensign H. L. Babler Daffar	—
A-7	—	—	—	—	Ensign R. L. Wood	—
Albany	Protected cruiser	3,330	10	7,500	Commander M. L. Bristol	Cruising
Bainbridge	Torpedo boat des.	420	7	8,000	Lieut. R. A. Spruance	Cavite
Barr	Torpedo boat des.	420	7	8,000	Lieut. C. S. Kai	—
Callao	Gunboat	243	8	250	Ensign W. L. Beck	Canton
Chamney	Torpedo boat destroyer	420	7	8,000	Lt. J. O. Gennings	Cavite
Cincinnati	Protected cruiser	3,183	11	10,000	Com. J. V. Olmsted	Cruising
Dale	Torpedo boat destroyer	420	7	8,000	Lt. E. K. Colman	Cavite
Decatur	Torpedo boat destroyer	420	7	8,000	Lt. V. E. Darr	—
Elcano	Gunboat	620	4	600	Lt. Com. V. S. Gannon	Shanghai
Helena	Gunboat	1,392	8	1,988	Com. G. R. Marvell	Shanghai
Mohican	Station ship	1,900	6	1,100	Lieut. V. E. Lowe	Cavite
Monadnock	Monitor	3,930	6	3,000	Lt. Y. Korschach	Olongap
Monterey	Monitor	4,084	4	5,277	—	—
Panama	Gunboat	243	8	—	Ensign P. J. Peyton	Cavite
Panama	Sea going tug	854	2	1,600	—	—
Pompey	Repair ship	3,085	—	—	—	—
Samar	River boat	—	—	—	Lt.-Com. U. W. Coles	Canton
Wilmington	Cruiser	—	—	—	Com. F. Bablin	Hongkong
Saratoga	Flagship	—	—	—	J. H. Dayton	Shanghai
Salvator	Cruiser	—	—	—	Com. R. H. Leigh	—
Rainbow	—	—	—	—	Lt. G. W. Hains	—

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Hongkong Apr. 24, 1914.

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Meat	Price
Beef Sirlon & Prime Cut, — Mei Lung Pa	lb. 19
„ Corned, — Ham, — gau Yuk	„ 18
„ Roast, — Shiu	„ 19
„ Breast, — Nagu Lam	„ 14
„ Soup, — Tong Yuk	„ 15
„ Steak, — Ngau Yuk Pa	„ 19
„ do, — Sirlon Coton, — Ngau Lau	„ 30
„ Sausage, — Ngau Chuan	„ 20
Bullock's Brains, — „ Know	per set 10
„ Tongue fresh, — Ngau Li	each 60
„ corned, — Ham, — Ngau Li	„ 60
„ Head, — Ngau Tan	„ 80
„ Heart, — Ngau Sum	„ 14
„ Hump, Salt, — Ngau Kin	„ 19
„ Feet, — Ngau Kaiki	„ 18
„ Kidneys, — Ngau Y	„ 10
„ Tail, — Ngau Mei	„ 10
„ Liver, — Ngau Kon	lb. 18
„ Tripe (undressed), — Ngau To	„ 14
Calves' Head & Feet, — Ngau Chai-tau-kark	set 6
Mutton Chop, — Yeung Pei Kwat	lb. 31
„ Leg, — Yeung Pei	„ 25
„ Shoulder, — Yeung Shau	„ 25
Pigs Chislings, — Chu Chong	„ 24
„ Brains, — Chu Know	per set 27
„ Feet, — Chu Kark	lb. 2
„ Fry, — Chu Chai	„ 12
„ Head, — Chu Tau	„ 3
„ Heart, — Chu Sum	each 18
„ Kidneys, — Chu Yiu	pair 10
„ Liver, — Chu Con	lb. 8
Pork Chop, — Chu Pai Kwat	„ 24
„ Corned, — Ham Chu Yuk	„ 23
„ Leg, — Chu Pe	„ 27
„ Fat or Lard, — Chu Yau	„ 24
Sheep Head and Feet, — „ Tau Kark	set 70
„ Heart, — Yeung Sum	each 7
„ Kidneys, — Yeung Yiu	lb. 25
„ Liver, — Yeung Con	„ 22
Sucking Pigs, To Order, — Chu Cha	„ 18
Suet, Beef, — Sang Ngau Yau	„ 24
„ Mutton, — Sang Yeung Yau	„ 24
„ Veal, — Ngau Chai Yuk	„ 19
„ Sausages, — Ngau Chai Chuan	„ 20

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FRUITS.

Salmon.—Ma Yau Y	lb.	35	魚
Shark.—Sa Yu	...	8	魚
Sakote.—Po Yu	...	8	
Shrimps.—Ha	...	19	
Snapper.—Lap Yu	...	24	
Soles.—Tai Sa Yu	...	20	左
Tench.—Wan Yu	...	16	脚
Turbot.—Oho How Yu	...	19	
Turtles, small, fresh water.—Kork Yu	...	25	
White Bait.—Ngau Yu Chai	...	—	

FRUITS.			菓
Almonds.—Hung Yau...	lb.	35	杏仁
Apples (California)—Kam San Ping Kho	...	18	金天
(Chefoo)—Tin Chun Ping Kho	...	—	
Small.—Hoi Tong	...	—	
Custard.—Fan Lai Chi	each	—	
Bananas, fragrant, Canton.—San Shing Heung Chiu	lb.	4	香蕉
(brides), Macao.—San Heung Chiu	...	4	
Chestnuts, Chinese.—Foong Lut	...	15	山
Carambola.—Yeung Tue...	...	—	樹
Cocoanuts.—Yeh Tse	each	12	山
Lemons, China.—Ning Moon	lb	8	金
America.—Kum San Ning Moon	...	30	
Lichees Dried.—Lai Chi, small Stone	...	—	
Fresh	...	—	
Limes, (Saigon).—Sai Kung Nung Moong	each	18	山
Mango, Manila.—Lui Sung Mong	...	—	
Mangosteens.—San Chuk Tse	doz	8	番
Oranges, (Canton)—San-shing Tim Ching	lb	15	山
Sweet	...	—	
Pears, (American).—San Shoot Lay	...	14	金
(Canton), Cookee.—Sa Lay	...	12	
Peanuts.—Fa Sang	...	—	
Persimmons Large.—Hung Ohie	...	—	
Pine-apples, 1st quality.—Poon Ti Paw Law	each	—	本
2nd.—Chung-tang Paw Law	...	—	草
Plantain.—Tai Chea	lb	6	大
Plums.—Swatow, Hung Lai	...	20	果
Pumpelo, Siam.—Chim Lo Yau	each	—	上
Shanghai.—Lo Kwat	...	15	果
Walnuts.—Hop Tuo	lb	—	上
Green.—Sang Hop Tuo	...	—	果
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(China) Sai Kwa...	...	—	果
Grapes.—Sang Po Tai Tse	lb	—	

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MANILA	Loongsang	Sat., 9th May at 2 p.m.
SHANGHAI & Tsingtau	Choysang	Sat., 10th May at 11 a.m.
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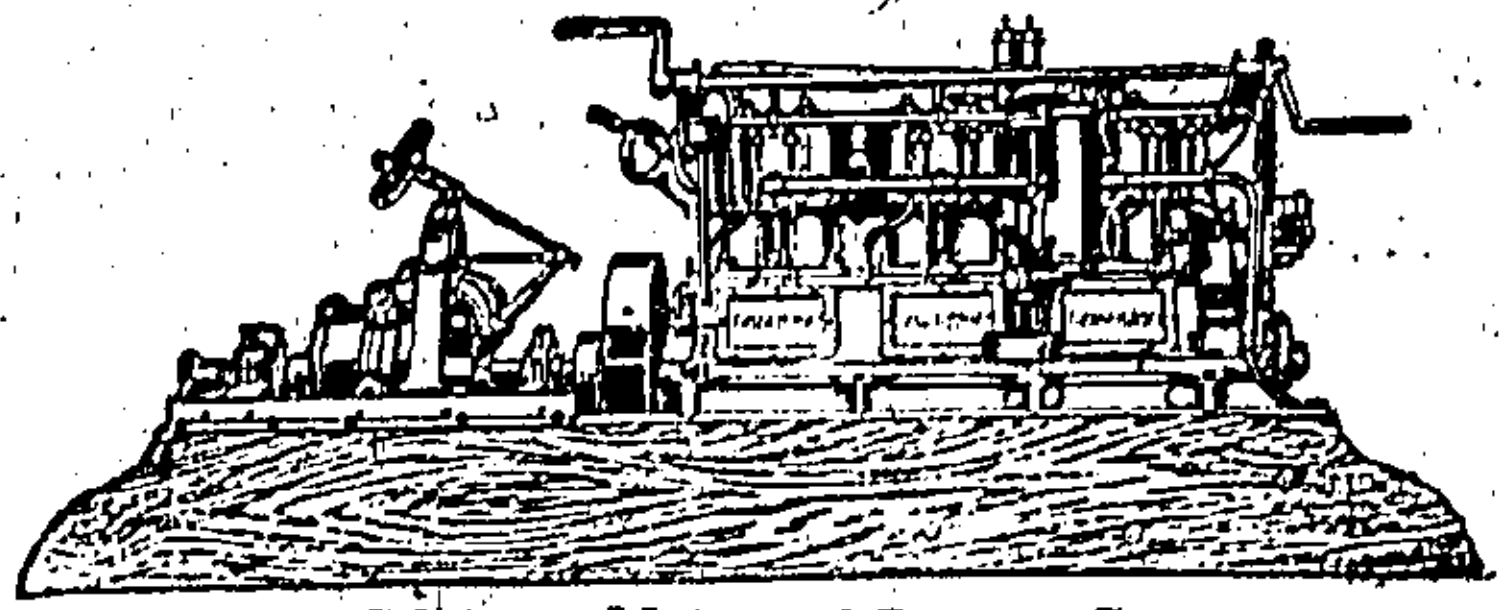
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T'te, Fiume V'ce, via S'pore etc.	Fersia	S. W. Co.	5. May
M'sles, L'don A'werp via S'pore etc.	Mishima M.	N. Y. K.	6. May
H're, R'dam, B'men & H'burg & C.	Bayern	H. A. L.	6. May
London, via Usual Ports of Call	Assaye	P. & O.	9. May
N'les, G'oa, A'rs, Lisbon S'gon, & C.	Carshire	J. M. Co.	12. May
London & A'werp via S'pore etc.	Buelow	M. & Co.	13. May
Hamburg & Antwerp & C.	Namur	P. & O.	13. May
Havre, Emden & Hamburg	Arabia	H. A. L.	14. May
Trieste, via Singapore, Penang, Colombo, etc.	Uokemark	H. A. L.	15. May
Marseilles, Antwerp, Rotterdam, Hamburg & Bremen	Bohemia	S. W. Co.	15. May
London, Rotterdam & Antwerp	Sigmaringen	M. Co.	16. May
Marseilles via Ports	Cardshire	J. M. Co.	18. May
Havre, D'kirk, & Hamburg	Dumbon	M. M.	19. May
P'dam, Hamburg & Antwerp	Schwarzburg	H. A. L.	19. May
London, Hull and Antwerp	Briegavia	H. A. L.	22. May
Havre, Bremen and Hamburg	Glenlogan	S. T. Co.	M. May
Rotterdam, & Hamburg	Aitmark	H. A. L.	1. June
Havre & Hamburg	Brasilia	H. A. L.	6. June
M'sles, R'dam, H'burg & Bremen	Furst Bulow	H. A. L.	6. June
Marseilles, Rotterdam etc.	Helgoland	M. Co.	M. of June
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V'toria, B.C. S'p' via Shanghai & C.	N. Y. K.	N. Y. K.	5. May
San F'isco via S'hai & Japan & C.	P. M. Co.	P. M. Co.	9. May
San F'isco via S'hai & Japan & C.	T. K. K.	T. K. K.	11. May
Vancouver via S'hai & Japan & C.	C. P. R.	C. P. R.	13. May
V'toria, V'vor, S'tle & Portland	H. A. L.	H. A. L.	13. May
V'toria, B.C. T'ma via Japan & C.	Tacoma M.	O. S. K.	14. May
Seattle via Nagasaki etc.	Minnesota	N. Y. K.	15. May
Boston and New York	Chalister	D. & Co.	15. May
San F'isco via Manila & Japan & C.	Chiyo M.	T. K. K.	19. May
Boston & New York	Kioto	B. L.	25. May
San F'isco via Manila & Japan & C.	China	C. P. R.	27. May
V'toria, B.C. & T'ma via S'hai & C.	Panama M.	O. S. K.	27. May
Victoria, V'vor, S'tle & P'land	C'hire	J. M. Co.	28. May
Vancouver, & C.	E. of India	C. P. R.	28. May
Vancouver via S'hai, Japan etc.	Monteagle	C. P. R.	1. July

AUSTRALIA.

Destination.	Vessel's Name.	For Freight Apply To	To be Despatched.
Australian Ports via Manila	Nikko M.	N. Y. K.	6. May
Australian Ports via Manila	P. Waldemar	M. & Co.	16. May
Australia	Empire	G. L. Co.	29. May
Australia	St. Albans	G. L. Co.	19. June
Australia	Bastern	G. L. Co.	10. July

SINGAPORE, COAST PORTS AND JAPAN

Destination.	Vessel's Name.	For Freight Apply To	To be Despatched.
Shanghai & Tsingtau	Esang	J. M. Co.	5. May
Swatow, Amoy & Foochow	Haiching	D. L. Co.	5. May
Manila, Cebu and Iloilo	Chinhua	B. & S.	5. May
Nagasaki, Kobe & Yokohama	Kumano M.	N. Y. K.	6. May
Foochow via Swatow & Amoy	Kaijo M.	O. S. K.	6. May
Pakhoi and Haiphong	Sungking	B. & S.	6. May
Moji and Kobe	Bombay M.	N. Y. K.	6. May
Swatow	Haimun	D. L. Co.	6. May
Kobe and Yokohama	Hitachi M.	N. Y. K.	7. May
Shanghai	India	P. & O.	7. May
Yokohama, Kobe and Moji	Fooksang	J. M. Co.	7. May
Shanghai, Kobe & Moji	G. Apar	D. S. Co.	8. May
Bombay via S'pore, Port S'ham, Penang & Colombo	Indo M.	O. S. K.	8. May
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Haitan	D. L. Co.	8. May
Singapore, Penang and Calcutta	Loat	J. M. Co.	8. May
Moji, Kobe and Yokohama	Riojun M.	D. & Co.	9. May
Shanghai and Tsingtau	Chenan	B. & S.	9. May
Manila	Loongsang	J. M. Co.	9. May
Tamsui via Swatow & Amoy	Daijin Maru	O. S. K.	10. May
Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama	Segovia	H. A. L.	11. May
Jesselton, Kudat and Sandakan	Borneo	M. Co.	11. May
Kobe and Yokohama	Hakata M.	N. Y. K.	11. May
Manila, Cebu and Iloilo	Taming	B. & S.	12. May
Singapore, Penang & Calcutta	Torilla	D. S. Co.	12. May
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Haiyang	D. L. Co.	12. May
Manila, Mangarin, Cebu & Iloilo	Rubi	S. T. Co.	12. May
Manila, Cebu & Iloilo	Tam-jing	B. & S.	12. May
Singapore, Penang and Calcutta	Kumsang	J. M. Co.	12. May
Anping, Takao via S'tow & Amoy	Sosho Maru	O. S. K.	13. May
Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Y'hama	Nellors	P. & O.	15. May
Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama	Polynesien	M. M. Co.	17. May
Shanghai, Moji, Kobe and Yokohama	Emden	H. A. L.	21. May
Shanghai, Moji, Kobe and Yokohama	Sambha	H. A. L.	31. May
Singapore, Batavia, Cheribon, etc.	Hokuto M.	D. & Co.	25. May
Kobe	Coblentz	M. Co.	26. May
Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama	Frisia	H. A. L.	29. May
Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Y'hama	Navara	P. & O.	End May
Moji, Kobe and Yokohama	Banni M.	D. & Co.	10. June
Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama	Slesia	H. A. L.	18. June
Batavia, Cheribon, Samarang, & C.	Tjibbo-las	J.O.J. L.	Q. desp.
Shanghai	Tjilap	J.O.J. L.	Q. desp.
Batavia, Cheribon, Samarang, & C.	Tjikini	J.O.J. L.	Q. desp.
Batavia, Cheribon, Samarang, & C.	Tjipanas	J.O.J. L.	Q. desp.
Shanghai	Tjimahl	J.O.J. L.	Q. desp.
	Tjilwong	J.O.J. L.	Q. desp.

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

VESSELS ADVERTISED TO DEPART TO-MORROW.

For	Vessels.
Shanghai	Tamba Maru
Swatow	Haiching
Europe	Paul Locat
Philippines	Chinhua
Shanghai	Liangchow
Japan	Kumano Maru
Shanghai	Esang

VESSELS ADVERTISED TO ARRIVE TO-MORROW.

From	Vessels.
Singapore	Bombay Maru

CANADIAN MAIL.

The C. F. R. s.s. EMPRESS OF INDIA left Vancouver on the 23rd ult. between 2 & 4 p.m.

The C. P. R. s.s. MONTAGLE left Yokohama on the 18th ult. between 2 & 4 p.m.

The C. P. R. s.s. EMPRESS OF ASIA left Yokohama on the 24th ult. between 2 & 4 p.m.

The C. P. R. s.s. EMPRESS OF RUSSIA left Nahaiki on the 1st inst. at 3 p.m. and is due to arrive at Shanghai on the 2nd May, at 4 p.m.

AMERICAN MAIL.

The P. M. s.s. KOREA will be despatched from this port on the 9th May, at 1 p.m. for San Francisco, via Keelung, Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama, Shimizu, Yokohama and Honolulu.

The P. M. s.s. NILE arrived at San Francisco on the 28th April.

AUSTRALIAN MAIL.

The E. & A. s.s. ST. ALBANS left Sydney for this Port (via Queensland Ports, Port Darwin, Timor and Manila) on the 28th Apr. and may be expected to arrive here on or about 23rd May.

MERCHANT STEAMERS.

The N. Y. K. s.s. MISHIMA MARU (European Line) left Moji for this port on the 27th Apr. and is expected here on the 4th May.

The N. Y. K. s.s. NIKKO MARU (Australia Line) left Kobe for this port on the 28th Apr. and is expected here on the 4th May.

The M. Y. K. s.s. KUMANO MARU (Australia Line) left Thurs. for this port on the 28th Apr. and is expected here on the 4th May.

The N. Y. K. s.s. BOMBAY MARU (Bombay Line) left Singapore for this port on the 28th Apr. and is expected here on the 5th May.

The N. Y. K. s.s. HITACHI MARU (European Line) left Colombo for this port via Singapore on the 23rd Apr. and is expected here on the 6th May.

The N. Y. K. s.s. JINSEN MARU (Bombay Line) left Kobe for this port on the 28th Apr. and is expected here on the 6th May.

The N. Y. K. s.s. HAKATA MARU (Australia Line) left Calcutta for this port on the 21st Apr. and is expected here on the 10th May.

The N. Y. K. s.s. AKI MARU (American Line) left Yokohama for this port on the 10th May.

The N.Y.K. s.s. SADO MARU (American Line) left Seattle for this port on the 21st Apr. and is expected here on the 24th May.

The N. Y. K. s.s. KITANO MARU (European Line) left London for this port via ports on the 25th Apr. and is expected here on the 10th June.

The Mogul Line s.s. MONTROSE left United Kingdom for Hongkong via Straits on the 23rd ult. and is expected to arrive here on or about the 7th May.

The I. C. S. N. s.s. FOOKSANG from Calcutta is due at Hongkong on the 5th May.

The S. L. s.s. DENBIGHSHIRE passed the Canal on the 14th inst. and is due at Hongkong on the 14th May.

The S. L. s.s. CARDIGANSHIRE from Seattle is due at H'kong on the 9th May.

The I. L. s.s. INDRASAMHA from San Francisco is due at Hongkong on the 4th May.

The S.S. JAPAN sailed from Calcutta on the 25th ult. and may be expected here on or about the 11th May.

The Ben Line s.s. BENLEI from Antwerp, Middlesbrough & London left Singapore for this port on the 30th Apr. and may be expected to arrive here on or about 5th May.

The P. & O. s.s. INDIA left Singapore for this Port on the 1st inst. at 5 p.m. with the outward English Mails, and is due here on the 6th inst. at about 5 a.m.

VESSELS IN PORT.

Steamers.

Steamer.	From.	Arrived.
Canada Maru, Jap. s.s. 3,138. H. Yamamoto, 18th inst.—Shanghai, 15th ult. Gen.—O. S. K.		
Persia, Br. s.s. 2,744. J. Hill, 21st ult. Gen.—San Francisco, 20th Mar. Gen.—R. G. M.		
Kamor, Norw. s.s. 939. Talick, 24th ult. Gen.—L. 19th ult. Rice—J. C. J.		
Keong-Wai, Ger. s.s. 1,515. R. Petersen, 24th ult.—Bangkok, Rice and Timber—B. and S.		
Pangtung, Ger. s.s. 1,631. W. Botsch, 24th ult.—Bangkok, Rice—M. & C.		
Anhui, Br. s.s. 1,335. J. B. Harris, 27th ult. Shanghai, 23rd ult. Gen.—B. & S.		
Beckmann, Br. s.s. 1,125. Bulkley, 27th ult.—Manoran, Coal—D. & Co.		
Fernley, Br. s.s. 2,964. Appleton, 27th ult.—Ching Wan Tao, 21st Gen.—E. M. & Co.		
Huichow, Br. s.s. 1,216. M. Shau, 27th ult.—Sunkon, 20th ult. Gen.—B. & S.		
Kiang Ping, Chi. s.s. 1,222. A. Uden, 27th ult.—Chinkiang, 21st ult. Gen.—Chinese.		
L. Schell, Ger. s.s. 1,012. A. Struve, 27th ult.—Saigon, 23rd ult. Rice—B. & Co.		
Aldenham, Br. s.s. 2,410. G. L. Smith, 28th ult.—Kobe, 22nd ult. Gen.—L. & Co.		
Korea, Am. s.s. 5,651. A. W. Nelson, 28th ult.—San Francisco, 4th ult. Gen.—P. M. & Co.		
Petchabina, Ger. s.s. 1,737. C. Gosewisch, 28th ult.—Bangkok, 30th ult. Rice—B. & S.		
Kirin Maru, Jap. s.s. 2,356. M. Nakamura, 30th April—Moji, Commem.—N. Y. K.		
Lutzow, Ger. s.s. 4,115. H. Taxtor, 29th ult.—Bremen, 18th March, Gen.—M. and Co.		
Solun, Norw. 865. D. Hoeber, 29th April.—Bangkok, 22nd April, Rice—T. and Co.		
Bohemia, Am. s.s. 1,300. Moorans, 30th ult.—Singapore, 25th ult. Gen.—S. W. & Co.		
Chingchow, Br. s.s. 1,195. J. Doyle, 1st inst.—Kwang-yen, 29th ult. Cement Store—S. T. & Co.		
Elger, Norw. s.s. 875. E. Fingelson, 30th inst.—Newchwang, 23rd ult. Gen.—D. S. & Co.		
Hong Wou, Br. s.s. 2,060. J. Mason, 30th ult.—Singapore, 25th ult. Gen.—D. S. & Co.		
Minnesota, Am. s.s. 2,711. J. W. Padock, 1st inst.—Seattle, 24th Mar. Gen.—G. N. S. & Co.		
Chinhua, Br. s.s. Findlayson, 1st inst.—Manila, 28th ult. Gen.—B. & S.		
Albion, Br. s.s. 3,333. Wm. Dunbar, 1st inst.—Ching-wan-tao, 24th ult. Coal—D. & Co.		
Chowai, Ger. s.s. 1,115. G. Gubemann, 2nd inst.—Swatow, 1st inst. Gen.—B. & S.		
Kaijo Maru, Jap. s.s. 1,905. Y. Yamamoto, 2nd inst.—Swatow, 1st inst. Gen.—O. S. K.		
Matsura Maru, Jap. s.s. 1,889. Kobayashi, 1st inst.—Moji, 25th ult. Coal—M. B. G. K.		

To Sail

Regular Steamship Service

Public Companies

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS
The Thirty third Ordinary Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on Monday the 18th May, 1914, at 11.30 a.m.
The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 18th to the 24th May, both days inclusive.
JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.
General Agents.
Hongkong, 30th April, 1914.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS
The Extraordinary General Meeting of the Canton Insurance Office Limited will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Jardine Matheson & Co., Limited, No. 16 Adder Street, Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong, on MONDAY the 18th day of May, 1914, at 11.45 O'CLOCK in the FORENOON when the Subjunctive Resolution will be proposed as an Extraordinary Resolution:—
That Article 84 of the Articles of Association be altered by substituting the words "Twenty Five" for the word "Fifteen".
Should the Resolution be passed by the required majority it will be submitted for confirmation at a Special Resolution to a second Extraordinary Meeting which will be subsequently convened.
Dated this 30th day of April, 1914.
JARDINE MATHESON & CO., LTD.
General Agents.

IN LIFE ASSURANCE CO. OF CANADA.
NOTICE.
FROM this date Mr. FREDERICK MORGAN will assume the management of the South China Agency of this Company.
ALEX. L. STEIN
Hongkong, 27th April, 1914.

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC COMPANY LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the TWENTY FIFTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Company's Offices, St. George's Buildings, THURSDAY the 14th. MAY, 1914, at 11.30 A.M. for the purpose of presenting the REPORT of the DIRECTORS, together with a statement of Accounts to the 31st. February 1914, and electing Directors and Auditors.
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be closed from the 30th. April to the 14th. May 1914, both days inclusive.
By Order of the Board of Directors.
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.
Agents,
Hongkong, 23rd April, 1914.

HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO. LTD.

REDUCTION IN PRICE.
FROM 1st May 1914 the price of current will be reduced to the following:—
Electric Light & Fans.....\$0.24 per unit
Power, Lifts, Heating & Cooking.....\$0.07 1/2
Power to Restricted Hour Consumers.....\$0.05
Discounts will remain as before.
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.
Agents,
Hongkong, 22nd April, 1914.

NOTICES

MR. PATRICK CUMMING HUTTON POTTS and MR. HERBERT RICHARD BUDD HANCOCK have joined our Firm as Assistants.
BENJAMIN & POTTS.
Hongkong, 2nd May, 1914.

NOTICE

THE interest and responsibility of Mr. ALFRED BRYER in our Firm ceased on the 8th day of February last.
LEIGH & ORANGE.
Hongkong 1st May, 1914.

NOTICE

Mr. P. H. HOLYOAK is admitted a Partner in our Firm in Hongkong and China from THIS DATE.
REISS & CO.
Hongkong, 1st May, 1914.

Notices

RADIUM THERAPY.

We can Supply RADIUM BROMIDE for the treatment of Cancer and Skin Diseases, such as Lupus, Naevi, Angioma (Port-wine stain), Warts, etc., and anybody wishing to be so treated by his Doctor should communicate with him, or ask us for further particulars.
A. S. WATSON & Co. Ltd.
Representing:—
WERNER RUDENBERG & Co. (Shanghai)
(RADIUM - HEIL-GESELLSCHAFT, m.b.H., Berlin).

RADIUM EMANATION THERAPY.

WE herewith beg to inform the Public that we have made arrangements with Messrs. A. S. WATSON & Co., Ltd., and Messrs. THE MEDICAL HALL to supply our SAUBERMANN RADIUM EMANATION GENERATORS on a Doctor's Prescription. The Generators have been made by the RADIUM - HEIL-GESELLSCHAFT m.b.H. of BERLIN, and they have all been attested to by the IMPERIAL GERMAN TECHNICAL-PHYSICAL TESTING INSTITUTE at Berlin.
Clinical literature and further details may be had on application to the above-named Firms.
WERNER RUDENBERG & Co., Shanghai.
Sole Agents for Hongkong and China for the RADIUM-HEIL-GESELLSCHAFT, m.b.H., Berlin.

KOWLOON CANTON RAILWAY

(British Section).
NOTICE

IMPORTANT ALTERATIONS TO THROUGH TRAIN SERVICE.

The Public is hereby notified that commencing on Wednesday the 6th May 1914, and until further notice the following alterations will take place in the present through train services between Kowloon and Canton and vice versa.

The express train timed to leave Kowloon at 7.15 a.m. will leave at 7.42 a.m. and arrive Canton at 11.30 a.m.
The slow through train timed to leave Kowloon at 11.25 a.m. will leave at 9.40 a.m. and arrive Canton at 5.00 p.m.
The 11.25 a.m. train from Kowloon will run to Shum Chun only.
The morning slow through train from Canton will leave at 8.30 a.m. instead of 9.10 a.m.
The afternoon express will leave Canton at 3.05 p.m. instead of 3.15 p.m.
The last train from Canton will now leave at 6.15 p.m. instead of 7.15 p.m. and arrive Kowloon at 10.25 p.m.
The local trains on the British Section will remain as at present advertised.
For further particulars see timetables which may be had on application at all stations and at the head offices Kowloon and Canton.

By Order,
R. BAKER,
Acting Manager.
British Section,
Canton Kowloon Railway.

By Order,
THE ADMINISTRATION,
Chinese Section,
Canton Kowloon Railway.

NOTICE

THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr. F. H. ARMSTRONG in our Firm CEASED on the 30th ulto.

Mr. P. H. HOLYOAK is admitted a Partner in our Firm in Hongkong and China from THIS DATE.
REISS & CO.
Hongkong, 1st May, 1914.

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THE ROYAL GEORGE HOTEL.

Situated at Kowloon, within a few minutes' walk of the Principal Landing Stages of the SECOND SEAPORT IN THE WORLD and in close proximity to the projected Office and Terminal of THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY is for LEASE ON EASY TERMS, owing to the Proprietor having to leave the Colony.
This Elite Establishment has been conducted as a First Class Hotel and is patronised by the Residents of Hongkong and Kowloon and by the Shipping Community.
The Proprietor is in a position to convey any prospective Lessee that the business is doing exceedingly well, and that it can be turned into a still more profitable concern if taken over by an expert who would devote his exclusive attention to the business.
The Proprietor has already spent \$12,000 in thoroughly Renovating and Refurbishing the premises, and now very little remains to be expended except for converting a piece of Vacant Ground adjoining the Hotel into an Open-Air Skating Rink, Bowling Alley and Open-Air Cinematograph Show, etc., for which it can be well utilized.
No Good-Will Money Required.
Inspection of books allowed to any one making bona fide offers to lease, etc.
For Particulars apply to
H. RUTTONJEE
c/o ROYAL GEORGE HOTEL
Kowloon, Hongkong.

NOTICE

NEITHER the Captain, owners or Agents will be responsible for any debts contracted by the officers for crew of the American Barque "JAMES TUFT" during her stay in this port.

THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.

Incorporated by Royal Charter 1853.
HEAD OFFICE.—LONDON.
Paid-up Capital£1,200,000
Reserve Fund.....£1,800,000
Interest Allowed on Current Accounts.
Deposits received for fixed periods at rates to be obtained on application.
EISHI ONO, Manager.
Hongkong, 6th April, 1913. [18]

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Bombay, Calcutta, Cebu, Colon, Hankow, Hongkong, Kobe, Manila, Mexico, Panama, Peking, San Francisco, Shanghai, Singapore, Yokohama.
Capital and Surplus equal to \$7,000,000.
EVERY DESCRIPTION OF BANKING BUSINESS transacted.
CURRENT ACCOUNTS opened on the usual terms.
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BILLS NEGOTIATED AND COLLECTED.
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THE BANK'S CIRCULAR LETTERS OF CREDIT are available all over the world.
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GEORGE HODGSON, Manager.
Queen's Road, Hongkong
Hongkong, 1st Nov. 1912

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Paid-up Capital\$15,000,000
RESERVE FUNDS:
Sterling\$15,000,000
Silver\$17,650,000
Reserve Liability of Proprietors\$15,000,000

COURT OF DIRECTORS.

Hon. Mr. D. Landale, Chairman.
W. J. Patterson, Esq., Deputy Chairman.
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Shanghai—A. G. Stephen, London Bankers—London County and Westminster Limited.

Hongkong—Interest Allowed. On Current Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS. For 3 months, 2 1/2 per cent. per annum. For 6 months, 3 1/2 per cent. per annum. For 12 months, 4 per cent. per annum. N. J. STABB, Chief Manager

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK

THE Business of the above Bank is conducted by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION. Rules may be obtained on application.

INTEREST on deposits is allowed on the minimum monthly balances at 3 1/2 Per Cent. per annum. Depositors may transfer at their option balances of \$100 or more to the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank to be placed on FIXED DEPOSIT at 4 Per Cent. per annum.

For the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, N. J. STABB, Chief Manager.

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LONDON BANKERS: Messrs. N. M. Rothschild & Sons, The Union of London and Smith's Bank, Limited, Deutsche Bank (Berlin), London Agency.
Direction der Disconto Gesellschaft.
Dresdner Bank.
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V. R. C. SPORTS.

Good Finishes at Happy Valley.

The seventeenth Athletic Meeting of the Victoria Recreation Club was held under A. A. Rules, on Saturday, on the ground of the Hongkong Football Club, at Happy Valley, under weather conditions which were ideal for the competitors, there being very little sun. The number of spectators at the commencement was small, due probably to the early hour (1.30) at which to start. The attendance around the ropes improved as time went on, but the gaily decorated club stand was never very well patronised. The number of starters in most of the events was small, but some good finishes were seen. The proceedings were enlivened from time to time by the Band of the 25th Punjab, under the able direction of Mr. E. J. Newman. The results were as follows:—

Long Jump—three tries, R. A. Carvalho 1; Distance 17 feet 3 inches.

120 Yards Flat Race—Handicap.—I. E. Ouhnett (3 yds.) 1; J. M. Roza Pereira (5 yds.) 2. Also ran: I. L. Goldenburg, A. O. Goldenburg, A. H. Carroll. Time 12.4-5 secs.

High Jump—three tries, E. M. Ostro 1; Height 4 feet 10 1/2 inches.

Boys Race, 100 Yards (Handicap) Open to boys between the ages of 8 and 10.—W. Reid 1; E. Sopiess 2.

220 Yards Flat Race (Handicap)—R. A. Carvalho (5 yds.) 1; J. M. Roza Pereira (scr.) 2.

This event, although there were only two starters, provided a very good race, Carvalho's handicap just enabling him to do the needful. For the last twenty yards the two were running abreast and Carvalho won by a final jump, which landed him on the tape. Time 25 1/2 secs.

Bicycle Race—two miles (Handicap). Start in saddle.—D. MacCrae (scr.) 1; A. H. Gifford (300 yds.) 2. Also started: A. E. Moyhing, W. B. Muskett, F. J. Brown, R. J. Pereira.

Only three competitors had anything to do with the result of this race, Pereira held the lead until the beginning of the last lap, when he was passed by the scratch man; then when half the lap had been covered, he had to cede second place to Gifford, these findings being maintained to the end and MacCrae registering an easy win. Time 6 m: 24 secs.

Girls Race—80 Yards (Handicap) Open to girls between the ages of six and ten.—M. Woolley 1, M. Boissier 2.

100 Yards Flat Race—Challenge Cup, Presented by Hon. Mr. D. Landale. To be won three times before becoming the property of a competitor.—J. F. Castro 1; E. M. Ostro 2. Also ran: I. L. Goldenburg, A. O. Goldenburg, L. G. Cordeiro. Time 10.4-5 secs.

220 Yards Flat Race—Open to soldiers, sailors and police.—Pte. Burgess, D.C.L.I. 1; Gun. E. Ward R.G.A. 2; Spr. H. E. Leadbetter, E. E. 3. Also ran: Pte. Bennett, D.C.L.I. Time 24.2-5 secs.

Boys Race—400 Yards (Handicap). Open to boys over 10 and

under 16.—E. Fincher 1, G. tyder 2. Time 1 min 01.5 secs.

Bicycle Race—Three miles (Handicap). Start in saddle.—D. MacCrae (scr.) 1, A. H. Gifford (450 yds.) 2. Also started: A. E. Moyhing, W. B. Muskett, F. J. Brown, J. R. Pereira.

Only MacCrae and Gifford finished, MacCrae winning easily by 1 lap.

220 Yards—(Handicap) Members of V. R. C. only.—A. H. Carroll (6 yds.) 1; I. E. Ouhnett (scr.) 2. Time 24.4-5 secs.

100 Yards (Handicap) Open to girls between the ages of 10 and 15.—D. Lennard 1; D. Pile 2.

Tug-of-War.—Best of three pulls over 15 feet.—D.C.L.I. 1; 33 Co. R. G. A. 0; 87 Co. R. G. A. 0.

In the first heat, against 37 Co. R. G. A., the "Duke" won very easily by 2 pulls to love. 83 Co. R. G. A. made a better show, and the second pull resulted in their favour; but the infantrymen's better training again turned the scale in their favour in the third, enabling them to retire winners by two pulls to one.

Half mile Flat Race. Handicap.—F. N. E. Silva 1; A. R. Ellis 2; also ran: L. M. Franco. Time 2 min. 20 secs.

440 Yards Flat Race.—Challenge cup, presented by the late Sir Hormusjee Mody. To be won three times before becoming the property of a competitor.—I. L. Goldenburg 1; E. M. Ostro 2; also ran: J. F. Castro, A. O. Goldenburg. Time 58 1/2 secs.

Bicycle Race.—1 mile. Open to unplaced competitors in Events 6 and 11.—A. E. Moyhing 1; W. P. Muskett 2; also started: J. R. Pereira, F. J. Brown. Time 3 m. 6 secs.

One mile Flat Race.—Handicap.—A. F. Mills (20 yds.) 1; W. Drude (20 yds.) 2; also ran: L. M. Franco, A. H. Carroll. (Mills went away from the start at a good pace, and took the lead in the first lap, maintaining it to the end and winning easily by about 80 yds. Time 5 m. 4 secs.)

Band Race.—Handicap.—Instruments to be played.

This event, which was productive of plenty of amusement for the onlookers, was won by the Euphonium player, the big drummer being a good second.

Consolation Race.—120 yds. Open to all competitors, except those in open events, who had not won a prize at the meeting.—L. G. Cordeiro 1; A. O. Goldenburg 0.

Immediately after the last event, the prizes were presented by Mr. A. Rodger, who, after a short speech, in which he expressed regret at the small number present, called for three cheers for the ladies, which, together with a "tiger" (not of the Poik variety) were most heartily given. Calls for three cheers for Mr. Rodger and for the V. R. C.'s energetic Hon. Sec., Mr. Frank Lammert, were also vociferously responded to.

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POST OFFICE.

On and after the 15th inst., the Western Branch Post Office will be closed to the public at 8.30 p.m. The night mail for Canton will be closed at 9.30 p.m. Any letters posted up to 9.30 p.m. will be included in the mail.

Chinese registered correspondence will not be delivered on a signature only. The Chop of a firm of standing will in each case be required in addition. The Postmen have instructions not to part with any registered article until the above regulation has been complied with.

The E. of Russia, with the Canadian & London Mails (via Siberia) of Wednesday and Friday, the 15th and 17th ult. left Shanghai on Saturday, the 2nd inst. at midnight, and in due to arrive here tomorrow, at 8 a.m.

The India, with the English Mail left Singapore on Friday, the 1st inst. at 5 p.m. and may be expected to arrive here on Wednesday, the 6th inst. at a.m. This packet brings the parcel mails closed in London for despatch by the all-sea route on the 1st ult. and for despatch overland on the 7th ult.

MAILS DUE.

Canadian & Siberian. E. of Russia, 5th inst. 11 a.m.

MAILS VIA SIBERIA.

Left London April 11 Due Shanghai April 27.

MAILS CLOSE TO-DAY

Bangkok.—Per SELUN, 4th May 4 p.m. Japan via Yokohama.—Per FOOKEANG, 4th May 5 p.m.

Shanghai, North China & Japan via Kobe (Europe via Siberia).—Per MACCELLAN, 4th inst. 5 p.m.

To make connection with the Delay steamer leaving Shanghai on Monday the 11th inst. at 1 p.m.

Shanghai & North China.—Per MONTROSE, 4th inst. 5 p.m.

TO-MORROW.

Port Bayard.—Per K. C. WAN, 5th inst. 8 a.m.

Swatow and Bangkok.—Per PETOHA-BUR, 5th inst. 9 a.m.

Shanghai & N. China.—Per HELGO-LAND, 5th inst. 10 a.m.

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow.—Per HAI-CHING, 5th May, 10 a.m.

Shanghai and North China, Japan via Moji, Victoria B.C. & Seattle, Wash.—Per TAMBA-MARU, 5th inst., 10 a.m.

Saigon, Straits, Ceylon, Adelaide, Western Australia, India, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles (Late Letters) to Noon. Extra Postage 10 cents. Letters posted in all the Pillar Boxes in time for the first clearance will be included in this contract mail.—Per P. LEAT, 5th May, 11 a.m.

Tsingtau, Newchwang & Dairen.—Per EIGER, 5th inst., noon.

Shanghai & North China.—Per LIANG-CHOW, 5th May, 3 p.m.

Philippines Is.—Per CHINUA 5th May 3 p.m.

Japan via Nagasaki.—Per KUMANO-MARU, 5th May 4 p.m.

Shanghai & North China.—Per ESANG-MARU, 5th May, 5 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, 6th May.

Straits & Ceylon.—Per MISHIMA M., 6th May, 9 a.m.

Pakhoi & Haiphong.—Per SUNGKIANG, 6th May, 9 a.m.

Swatow.—Per HAIMUN 6th May, 10 a.m.

Philippines Is., Australia, Tasmania & New Zealand via Thursday Is.—Per NIKKO-MARU, 6th May 11 a.m.

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow.—Per KAJOMARU, 6th inst. 1 p.m.

Shanghai, North China & Japan via Kobe.—Per G. APAR, 6th May, 2 p.m.

Shanghai & North China.—Per KWONG-SANG, 6th May, 5 p.m.

THURSDAY, 7th May.

Shanghai and North China (Europe via Siberia).—Per INDIA, 7th May, 9 a.m.

(To make connection with the Delay steamer leaving Shanghai on Monday, the 11th May at 1 p.m.)

Port Bayard, Haiphong and Pakhoi.—Per HUE, 7th inst. 11 a.m.

Shanghai & North China.—Per LU-CHOW, 7th May 3 p.m.

FRIDAY, 8th May.

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow.—Per HAITAN, 8th May, 10 a.m.

Straits & India via Calcutta.—Per LOVAT, 8th May, 1 p.m.

SATURDAY, 9th May.

Straits, Burma, Ceylon, Adelaide, Western Australia, India, Aden, Egypt, and Europe via Brindisi. (Late Letters 11 a.m. to noon. Extra Postage 10 cents.)

Supplementary mail on board up to the time fixed for departure of the mail (Extra Postage 10 cents) (Letters posted in all the Pillar Boxes in time for the first clearance will be included in this contract mail).—The Parcel mail will be closed on Friday the 8th inst. 5 p.m.—Per ASSAYE, 9th. 11 a.m.

SHIPPING NEWS.

ARRIVED.

Borneo, Ger. ss. 1,355, J. Koehler, 3rd inst.—Sandakan, 27th ult. Gen.—M. & Co.

Empire, Br. ss. 2,943, E. Pilcher, 2nd inst. Sydney, 25th Mar. Gen.—G. L. & Co.

Fuiching, Chinese ss. A. B. Baines, 3rd inst.—Shanghai, Gen.—C. M. S. N. & Co.

Kwongkong, Br. ss. 1,428, W. F. Richard, 3rd inst.—Swatow, 2nd inst. Gen.—J. M. & Co.

Haiching, Br. ss. 1,367, W. C. Passmore, 3rd inst.—Swatow, 2nd inst. Gen.—D. L. & Co.

Halgaland, Ger. ss. 3,660, E. Klughist, 3rd inst.—Singapore, 27th Mar. Gen.—M. & Co.

Kumano Maru, Jap. ss. K. Sayeda, 4th inst.—Australia, via Manila, Gen.—N. Y. K.

Kumsang, Br. ss. 2,017, Wheeler, 4th inst.—Moji, 29th ult. Coal.—J. M. & Co.

Liangchow, Br. ss. 1,350, W. Boncow, 2nd inst.—Shanghai, 29th ult. Gen.—B. & S.

Luchow, Br. ss. 1,221, Menthool, 3rd inst.—Shanghai, 30th ult. Gen.—B. & S.

Magellan, Fr. ss. 2,952, H. Broc, 4th inst.—Marseilles, 5th ult. Gen.—M. M. Co.

Mishima Maru, Jap. ss. 5,011, S. Wada, 4th inst.—Japan, 27th ult. Gen.—N. Y. K.

Montrose, Br. ss. 2,482, 3rd inst.—Hamburg, 28th Feb. Gen.—D. & Co.

Nikko Maru, Jap. ss. 3,446, R. Takeda, 4th inst.—Nagasaki, Gen.—N. Y. K.

P. Lecat, French, ss. 12,870, Dorice, 4th inst.—Yokohama, Gen.—M. M.

Prémileux, Norw. ss. 1,042, Juncen, 4th inst.—Bangkok, 27th ult. Rice—Chinese.

Seangchoon, Br. ss. 3,722, Graves, 4th inst.—Singapore, 28th ult. Gen.—Order.

Sungkiang, Br. ss. 989, Robinson, 3rd inst.—Hollow, 2nd inst. Gen.—B. & S.

Tientsin, Br. ss. 1,238, F. McGarity, 4th inst.—Tientsin, 28th ult. Gen.—B. & S.

DEPARTED.

May 3.

Yochow for Hoilo

Machow for Bangkok via Hoilow

Devaungwe for Saigon

Lokang for Shanghai

Kwanang for Shanghai

Tamon Maru for Taich

Yuenang for Manila

Konkon Maru for Dairen

Zailiro for via Manila

Kanehow for Shanghai

Empire for Kobe via Shanghai

Glenology for Seattle via Shanghai

Luchow for Canton

CLEARANCES AT THE HARBOUR OFFICE.

May 4.

C. Kickmers for Valdivia stock via S'hai

S'hai for Bangkok

Yi Loong for Tientsin

Kwongkong for Canton

Telemachus for Liverpool via Saigon

Kwong Chau Wan for Kwong Chau Wan

Persia for Trieste via Singapore

Patella for Palembang

Feiching for Canton

Tamba Maru for Seattle via Shanghai

Luchow for Canton

WEATHER REPORT.

On the 4th at 11.40.—The anticyclone has moved eastward.

It now extends from the lower Yangtze Valley to the east of Japan.

Pressure has decreased slightly over the eastern portion of the map.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inches.

FORECAST FOR THE 24 HOURS ENDING AT NOON TO-MORROW.

District. Forecast.

1 Hongkong and Neighbourhood. E. winds, fresh to moderate; fair.

2 Formosa Channel. N.E. winds, strong to moderate.

3 South coast of China between H.K. and Lamook. The same as No. 1.

4 South coast of China between H.K. and Hainan. The same as No. 1.

China Coast Meteorological Register.

4th May, a.m.

Station. Hour. Barometer. Temperature. Humidity. Wind. Force. Weather.

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SHANGHAI. India Capt. C. C. Talbot. 10 a.m. 7th May. Freight & Passage.

SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE AND YOKO. Nellore Capt. J. Gaunt. about 15th May. Freight & Passage.

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E. A. Hewett, Superintendent.

Hongkong, 4th May, 1914.

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MANILA, MARONNE, NEWGUINEA, BRISBANE, SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE. Prinz Waldemar Capt. O. Jurany. 6,100. SATURDAY, 16th May, 9 a.m.

KOBE. Coblenz Capt. H. Schmitt. 6,750. About TUESDAY, 26th May.

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